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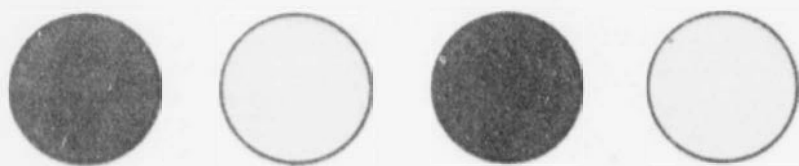
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Sure, everyone's heard of San Luis Obispo fixtures like the Madonna Inn, Firestone Grill, Bishop Peak and Bubblegum Alley (and if you haven't, go check them out!). But San Luis Obispo and the surrounding Central Coast is full of charm, some more well known than others. Whether you're here for a weekend, college or as a resident, here are some must-visit places.

**Pizza Solo** — yes, Woodstock's Pizza is more well-known and wins the awards, but Pizza Solo is what many people miss most when they move away from the area. The large menu offers salads, sandwiches, several pastas, and a huge variety of pizzas. Try the Guido's — a pizza with both marinara and pesto sauce, feta and mozzarella cheese, and tomatoes, garlic, and avocado all on a yummy chewy crust. Delicious! The Solo Stix (bread sticks slathered in butter and cinnamon) are worth a try too.

**Avila Valley Barn** — this charming barn right off the Avila Beach exit on U.S. Highway 101 is home to numerous farm animals, a market full of interesting products and a candy and ice cream store. Grab some apples to feed the goats, buy some delicious homemade ice cream (don't miss out on the white chocolate raspberry) or just wander through the market looking at gourmet food and quirky colorful kitchen items. But really, don't forget to try the ice cream — it's that good.

**Montana de Oro State Park** — This beautiful state park in Los Osos, only several miles

from San Luis Obispo, has numerous hiking trails for people of all abilities. Bicycles and horses are welcome too. Whether you're looking for sandy beaches or rugged hills, this "mountain of gold" has it all. It can get a bit chilly so bring a sweatshirt even if the sun is shining.

**Avila Pier** — Down by Avila Beach, the pier is a hub of activity. Dozens of sea lions bask on a ledge under the pier, viewable when standing on it. On the pier, you can buy fresh crab practically straight from the ocean. Political science alumnus Eyal Binshock spent many weekends on the pier eating the crab —

which he says is the freshest in town. "Those crabs never even made it to dry land," he said. To pick your meal, you simply point in a tank at the crab you want, "and hand it to the chef, and 10 minutes later, you have a tasty meal."

**Linnaea's** — When you want something other than Starbucks, Linnaea's is a good bet. This cute coffee shop nestled in downtown San Luis Obispo has a delicious array of baked goods, coffee and frequently hosts live bands. Try out their brunch on the weekends or their "famous" carrot cake when you just need a treat. Don't forget to buy the fair trade coffee.

Sea lions under the pier and fresh crab on the pier make for a fun day trip to Avila Beach.

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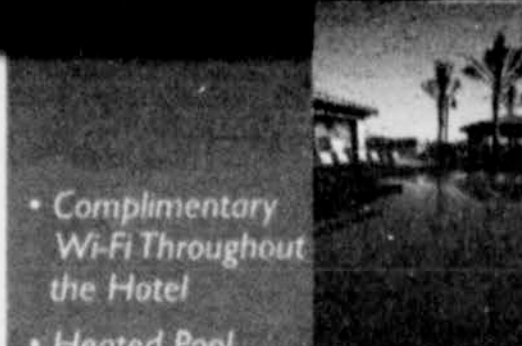
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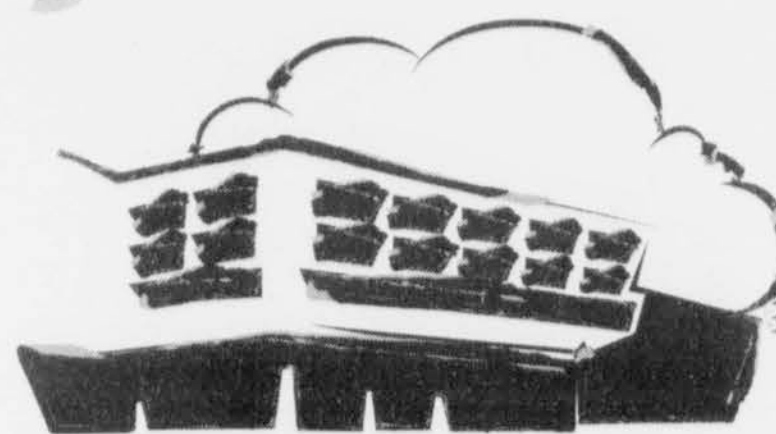


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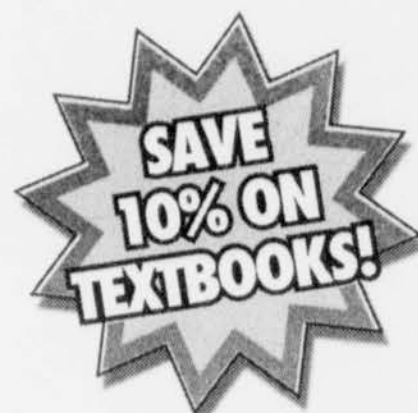


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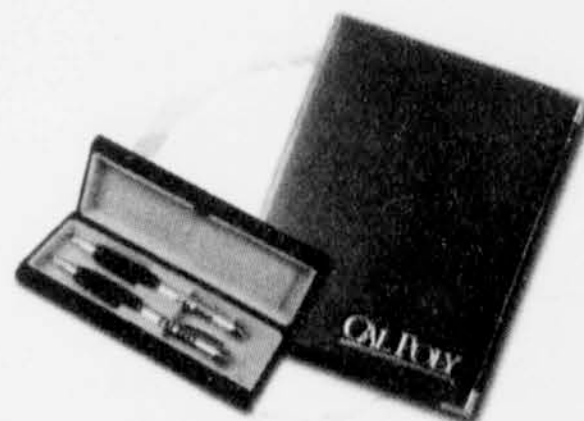
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# A student guide to Cal Poly living

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Living on and around campus can be a great way for incoming students to get acclimated to college life. The residence halls are a great way for freshmen to meet to people, especially if a student doesn't know anyone at Cal Poly. For older students, like transfers, living in Poly Canyon, Mustang Village or Stenner Glen can prove to be a similar way to meet people their same age. We've compiled a "What's what" guide for incoming students on student housing near Cal Poly.

## South Mountain

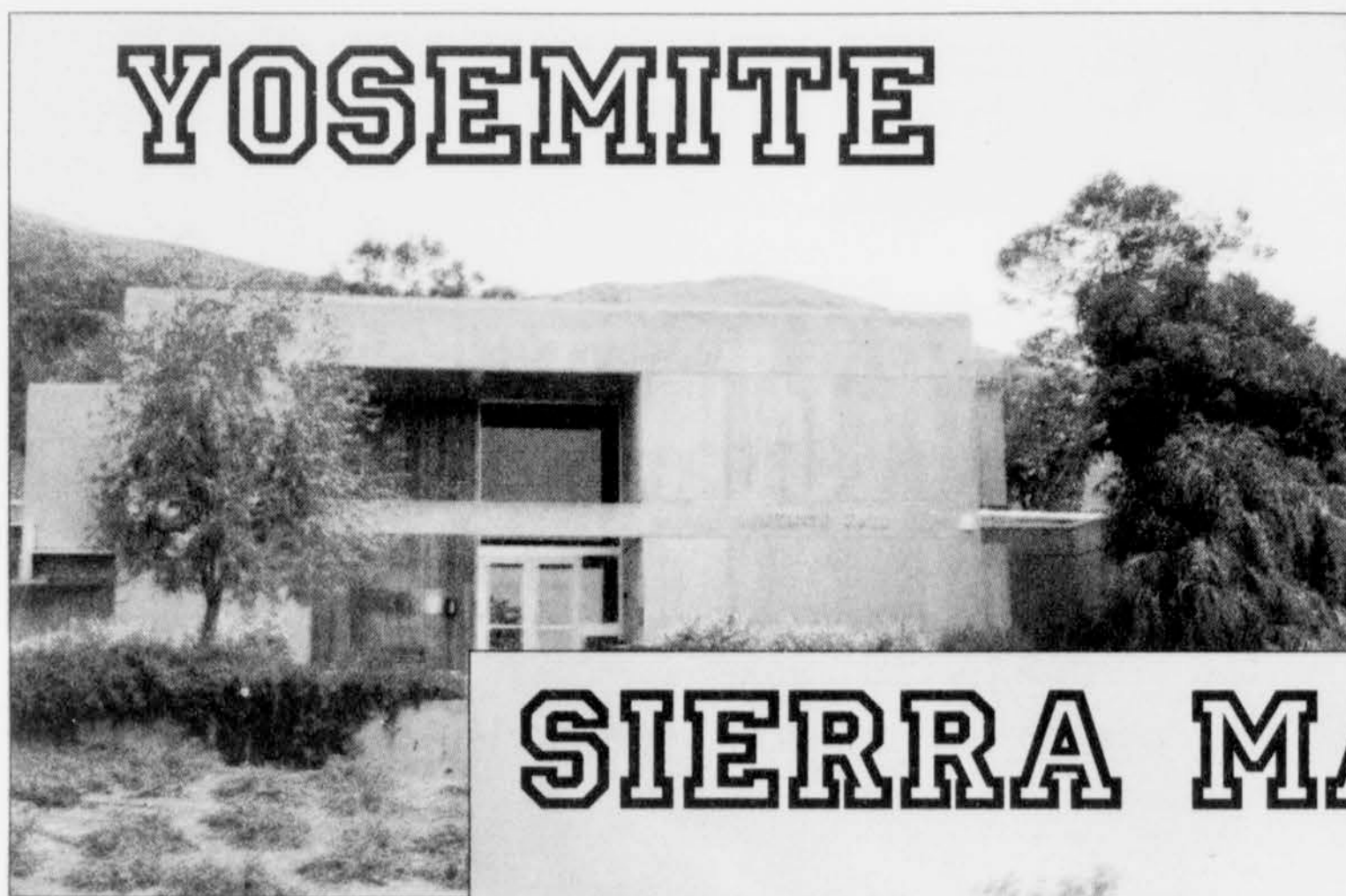
The "Red Bricks," as they're commonly called, are some of the most classic residence halls here at Cal Poly. They are comprised of Muir, Trinity, Santa Lucia, Fremont, Tenaya and Sequoia halls, each of which houses students of similar majors. They are a big part of the Living Learning Program which focuses on ensuring academic success for its residents by giving them the opportunity to constantly be surrounded by others in their majors.

"They're closer to campus," said landscape architecture freshman Emmanuel Gomez who lives in Sequoia. "You get to meet a lot of people from your major and it really helps with studying and homework."

Like its neighbor Sierra Madre, each floor in the Red Brick is single-gendered. Each building has three floors and a large common room as well as a study room on the first floor.

## North Mountain

The North Mountain Halls are generally for upper classmen who



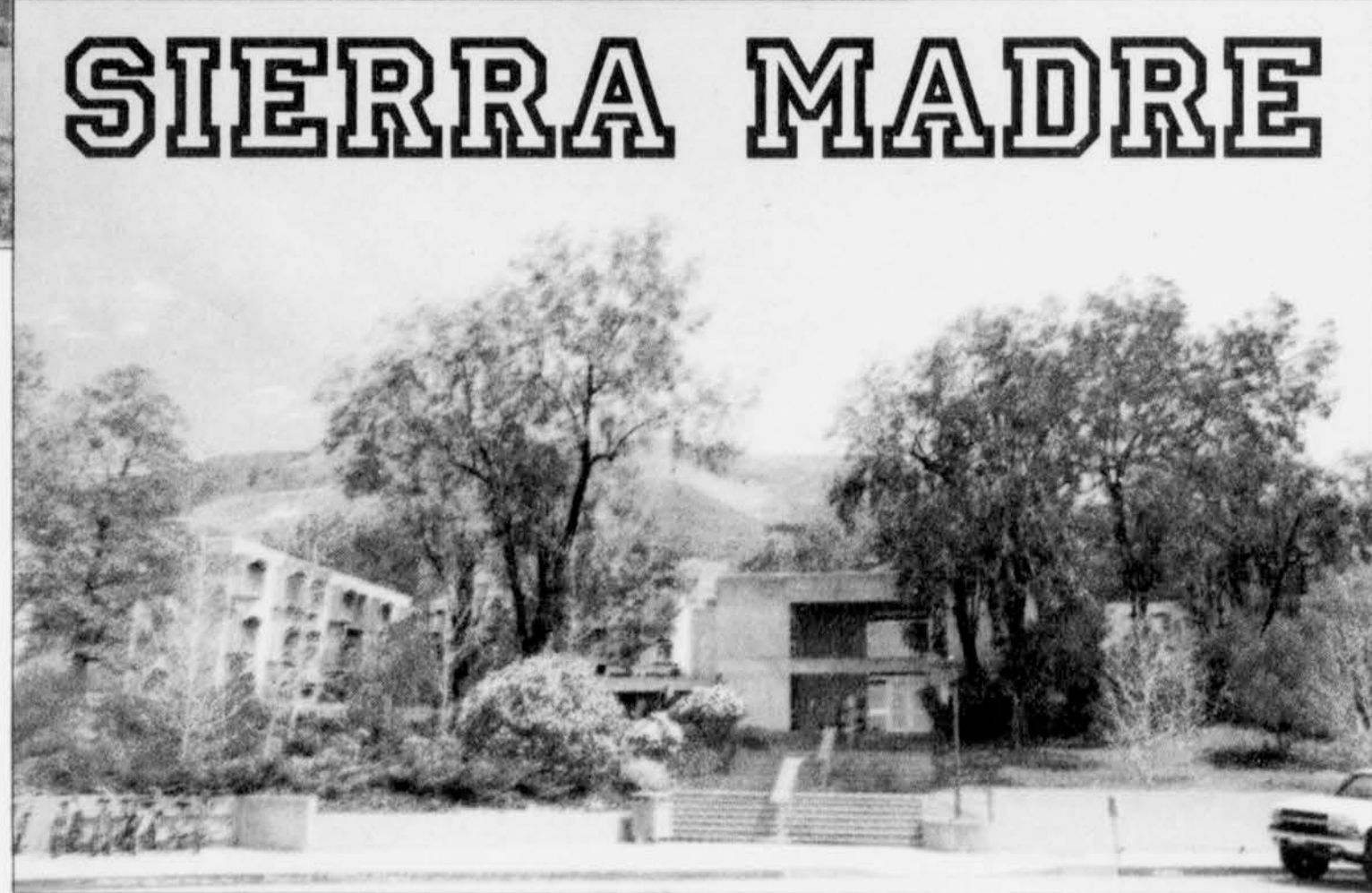
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want to live on campus. Like the Red Bricks, North Mountain is also associated with the Living Learning Program. All of North Mountain is dedicated to the College of Engineering (as well as Santa Lucia from South Mountain).

There are generally two to three people per room in North Mountain. Each room comes with two to three beds, one of which may be a bunk bed, desks, and bookshelves/end tables. Many students enjoy using the large surrounding lawns to play Frisbee and other activities, or just laying out and enjoying a warm day.

## The Towers

Sierra Madre and Yosemite are freshmen residence halls further down Grand Ave. These towering concrete buildings may look forboding from the outside, but have a lot to offer students within. Sur-



## SIERRA MADRE

rounded by mountains and lots of plant life, the towers of Sierra Madre and Yosemite are ideal for students who want to dive into campus life. The Connections Program housed in these two dorms focuses

on social and educational activities and academic awareness as well as making a positive contribution to the community.

Yosemite, the further of the two is divided into 10 towers, numbered 0 through 9, and has a large main hall equipped with pool and table tennis tables and a study lounge. One thing that separates Yosemite from most on campus living is that there are co-ed floors. Each floor has six women's rooms and a bathroom and six men's rooms and a bathroom with a common room in the middle. Each tower has three floors and there are laundry facilities in the even-numbered towers. As a part of the Connections Program, Yosemite residents participated in a creek cleaning volunteer event last winter.

Sierra Madre, like other campus housing, has single-gendered floors. With four towers each with three floors Sierra Madre houses a lot of diverse students from all majors.

"I'm never bored!" said resident and business administration freshman Ariel Single. "You're literally like twenty seconds from 100 other people."

"Who are all probably bored, too," added agricultural business freshman Michelle McKinney. "And it's really nice not having to drive to school or downtown either."

When asked what they like about living in Sierra Madre over its counterparts, animal science freshman Erin Gibson said, "It's nice living on an all girls floor." The consensus was that being able to get away from the opposite sex is

Every on-campus residence hall is different but all have basic amenities including laundry rooms and common rooms. Poly Canyon Village has these amenities in addition to a private pool, gym, and restaurants. Some buildings sort students by major while others sort by year. Yosemite is the only dorm with mixed-gender floors, all the other dorms separate each floor by gender, and on-campus apartments are separated by gender as well.

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refreshing sometimes.

## Cerro Vista

The Cerro Vista Apartments on campus are connected with the Honors Program as well as the Transitions Program through Cal Poly living. Cerro Vista honors students are expected to actively participate in the Honors Program as well as enroll in Honors courses.

The Transition Program, also centered within the Cerro community, focuses on helping first and second year transfer students successfully acclimate themselves, not only with college life, but also with a self-reliant way of living.

Cerro Vista Apartments are designed to mirror off-campus apartments including a mini-kitchen, living room and independent bedrooms for residents. Each apartment has four bedrooms and two bathrooms. There is a main recreation area with pool tables, a study lounge, and other amenities.

## Poly Canyon Village

Poly Canyon Village is the newest addition to on campus living. Comprised mostly of second and third year students, Poly Canyon is truly its own little community on the hill.

There are four different apartment floor plans that house anywhere from four to six residents that can either share or have private bedrooms. Overall, there are currently 618 furnished apartments in Poly Canyon.

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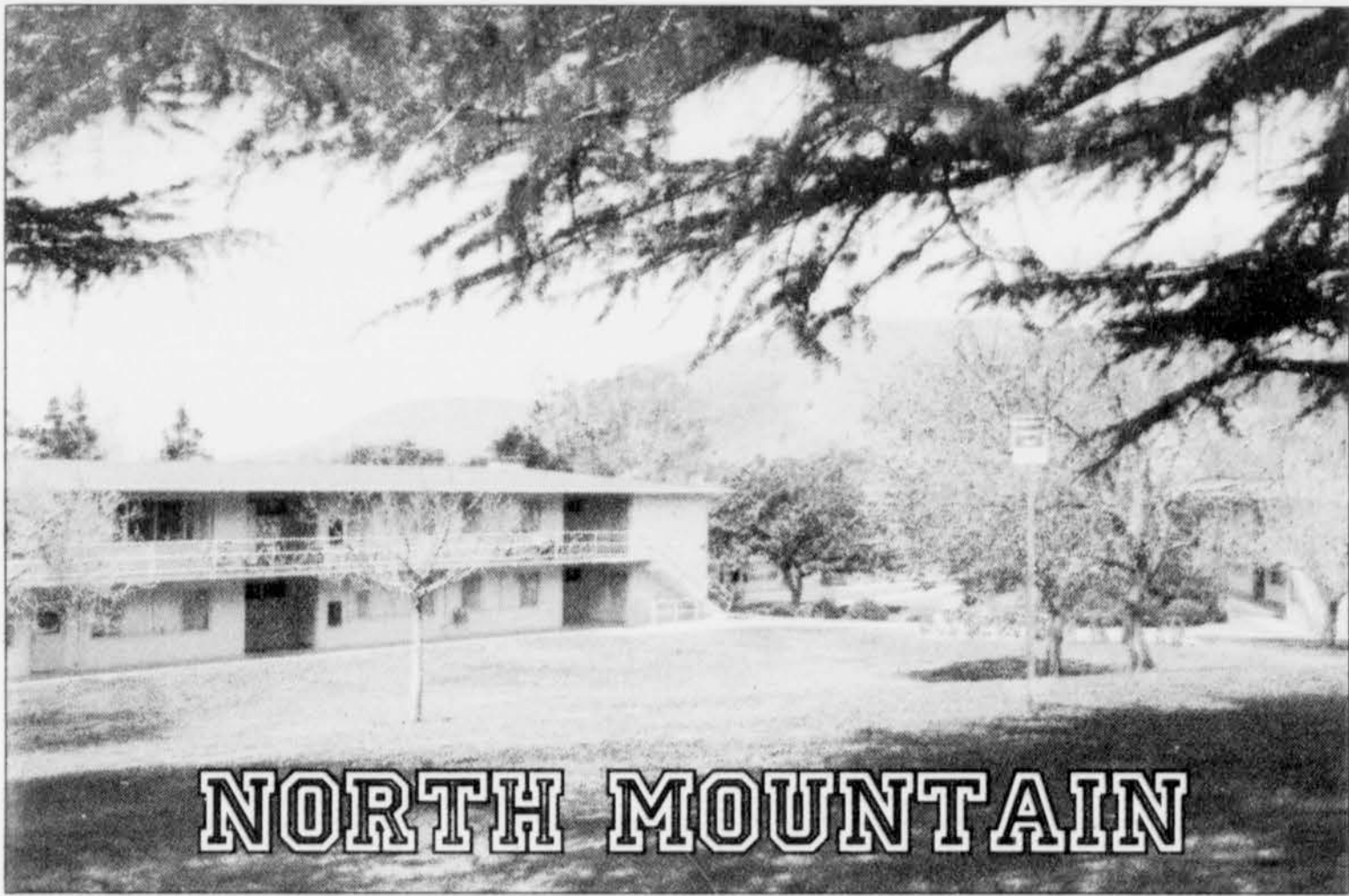
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But Poly Canyon offers more than just beds and desks, it's its own little self sufficient community. Next to the apartments is the Village Market, Peet's Coffee and Tea, Jamba Juice and Einstein Bros. Bagels, as well as a recreation center, and swimming pool. It also has a knowledge center, study and conference rooms, and its own parking structure.

"My favorite thing is that it's on campus but it's self sufficient," computer science sophomore Kevin Watson said. "It's more like a house than the dorms. There, you always had to go on campus to eat and things like that." Watson also recommended getting campus express if you don't have another mode of transportation since things can get a little pricey at the stores in the plaza.

### Mustang Village

Off campus student housing like Mustang Village is a great way for older students, especially transfers, to get the same kind of experience dorm life provides. Being off campus apartments, though, provide a more independent living area for older students.

"It's convenient," Jessica Hernandez, a linguistics sophomore, said about Mustang life. "It's close to campus, but you have more freedom as opposed to having 'quiet hours' or an RA to always check up on you."

There are studio and apartment layouts that vary from one to four bedroom apartments. There are BBQ pits, and on-site maintenance, six laundry centers and a community park. There are also three fitness centers, two swimming pools and basketball courts.

Like Mustang Village, there is also Stenner Glen, Valencia Apartments, Murray Station, and Garfield Arms which are extreme close to campus and focus on housing students primarily.

# Obama tempers optimism with reality on economy

Liz Sidoti

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aiming to assert control over the nation's economic debate, President Barack Obama on Tuesday warned Americans eager for good news that "by no means are we out of the woods" and argued his broad domestic agenda is the path to recovery.

In a speech at Georgetown University, Obama aimed to juggle his recent glass-half-full takes on the economy with a determination to not be stampeded as naive in the face of lingering problems. He summarized actions his administration has taken to steady the limping economy and coupled that with a fresh overview of his domestic goals.

The speech, which key aides had signaled in advance would not contain any major announcements, came as Obama nears his symbolic 100-day mark in office, important because that has become a traditional marker by which to judge new administrations.

"There is no doubt that times are still tough," Obama said. "But from where we stand, for the very first time, we are beginning to see glimmers of hope. And beyond that, way off in the distance, we can see a vision of an America's future that is far different than our troubled economic past."

Obama's message came on a day of conflicting economic indicators and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's suggestion that the recession may at last be bottoming out.

It would have been difficult to make that case based on a report the government released earlier Tuesday showing that retail sales plummeted by 1.1 percent in March, a performance much poorer than experts had anticipated. At the same time, wholesale prices dropped sharply, a strong indication that inflation appears to pose little threat to the economy.

In a speech at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Bernanke talked of flickering signs of improvement, citing recent data on home and auto sales, home building and consumer spending.

But the government's broader message — that a full turnaround might be a long time coming — may not be welcome news for a weary U.S. public.

Obama, in fact, said in his speech that a complete recovery depends on building a new foundation for the U.S. economy and making changes in the political landscape. And he said anew that rules governing the financial system must be made compatible with Digital Age technology and innovation, telling Congress that "I expect a bill to ar-

rive on my desk for signature before the year is out."

He also said the economy must be transformed from one less dependent on a risk-obsessed financial sector and more on clean energy, good education and health care costs brought under control.

"We cannot rebuild this economy on the same pile of sand," he said, invoking a Biblical reference to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. "We must build our house upon a rock. We must lay a new foundation for growth and prosperity a foundation that will move us from an era of borrow and spend to one where we save and invest, where we consume less at home and send more exports abroad."

Obama also said the problem is exacerbated by politicians with an outsized interest in scoring points and an impatient media.

"When a crisis hits," he said, "there is all too often a lurch from shock to trance, with everyone responding to the tempest of the moment until the furor has died down and the media coverage has moved on to something else, instead of confronting the major challenges that will shape our future in a sustained and focused way."

"This can't be one of those times," Obama said.

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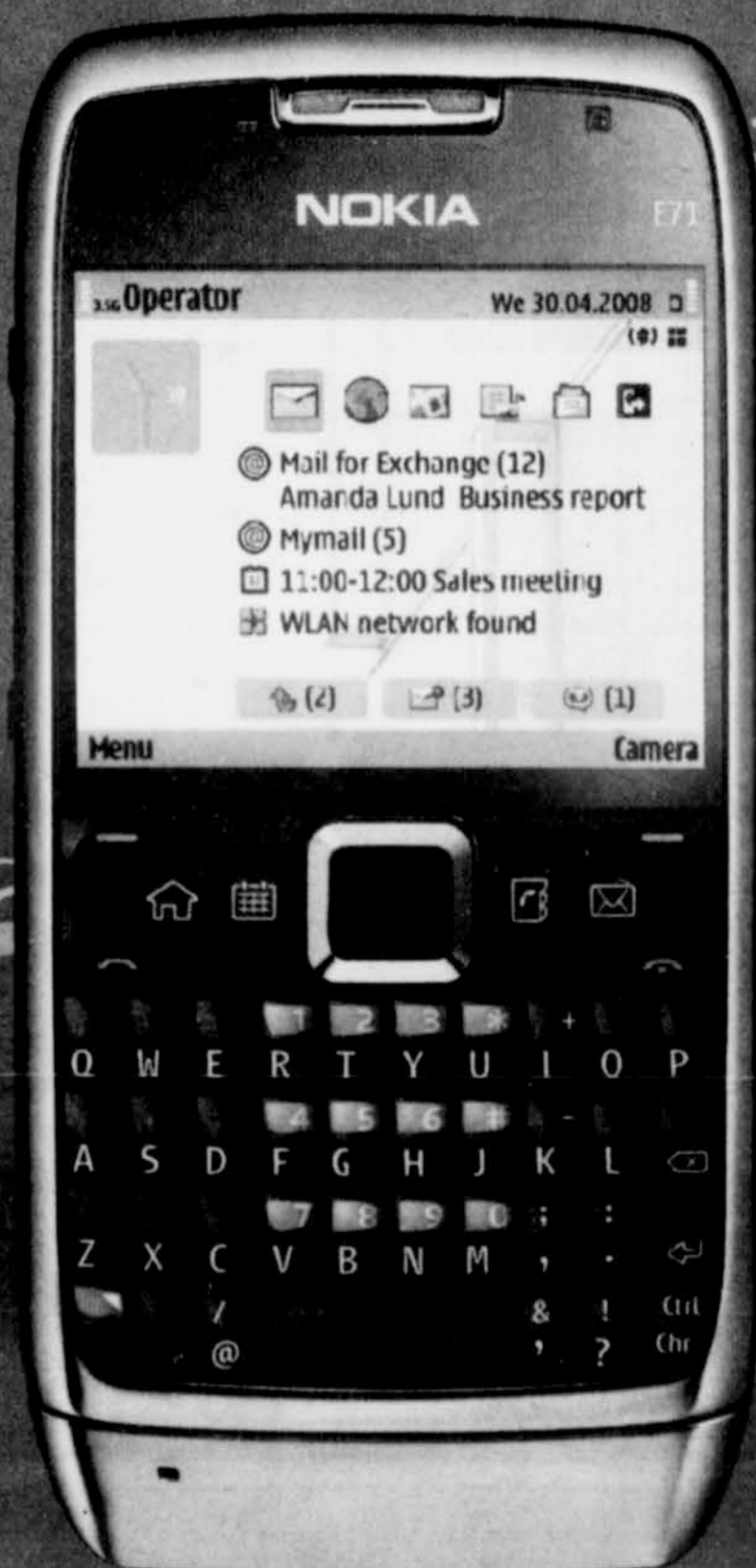
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# More than classrooms: places to visit on campus

Matt Fountain

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While many new Cal Poly students learn about places like Mustang Lanes bowling alley and the Poly Escapes rock climbing wall before they ever enroll in their first class, there are a number of spots on campus that incoming students may not know about and should see before graduation.

Like the Central Coast itself, the campus has numerous opportunities for outdoor activities such as hiking, jogging or biking. Take the Poly Trail, which leads to the "P," the giant white letter at the top of the hill, overlooking the dorms. A relatively easy, relaxing hike, the trail offers a stunning view of campus and can be a nice place to sit and meditate. The trail is maintained by Sigma Pi fraternity.

Behind parking lot R1, those about to stroll up the hillside have two options: take the road, which will bring you around the hill and up to the top — for a mellow stroll — or take the brief trail straight up the hillside for a greater sense of accomplishment.

Mechanical engineering junior and Poly Escapes employee Casey Lightner said the trail is an easy hike that offers the chance to get a little exercise between classes or to cap off the day with a twilight hike.

"It's a great little trail," Lightner said. "It's lots of fun — every freshman should do it."

A jog through Poly Canyon is another opportunity to exercise on campus. Follow the ranch road along the Brizzolari Creek to the railroad tracks below Cuesta Ridge. The return trip takes joggers over the north edge of the canyon through the oak groves that overlook it. Various architecture projects and structures dot the landscape once you get far enough in.

The campus is also home to exotic plant life. The Leaning Pine Arboretum, located at the Environmental Horticultural Science

unit at the north end of Via Carta, is the ideal environment for a picnic. It occupies five acres of land and displays a stunning assortment of trees, shrubs and landscape plants from the world's five Mediterranean climate regions: Australia, California, Chile, the Mediterranean basin and South Africa.

In addition, the arboretum boasts a New Zealand garden, a Dwarf and Unusual Conifer garden, as well as various displays of cycads, palms and succulents. The plant collections at the arboretum are grouped according to their native region.

For those animal-loving students who had to leave their dog — or horse — back at home, they can drop by the equine facilities across Via Carta just west of the arboretum. At the equine center, students can watch the university's collection of thoroughbred horses feed in the center's 150 acres of pastureland or train in daily classes at the Hadley Arena. Befriend a student in the program and they may even take you to see their horse in the student horse barn.

Wine lovers; while at the north end of campus, stop by the Crops Unit on the corner of Highland Drive and Mount Bishop Road. See how the grapes are cultivated to make Cal Poly wine, or see what the horticulture students are doing with the citrus, avocado or berry orchards.

Though most students spend countless hours at the Kennedy Library, few take the time to check out the artifacts of Central Coast and university history housed in the Special Collections Archives on the fourth floor. In the archives, which are open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., students can access original documents from Hearst Castle architect Julia Morgan, landscape sketches from English muralist Camille Salmon, the San Luis Obispo Historic Lithograph Collection, an underground comic book collection and much more.

Also in the Special Collections,

students can research Cal Poly history by checking out backlogged copies of the Mustang Daily, old yearbooks, as well as archived senior projects, master's theses and university professors' published works.

The Campus Market may be a good place to grab a bite, but it is also the closest place to check out Cal Poly's own brands of food and condiments, made by the students themselves. There, students can buy Cal Poly cheese, eggs, meat, jam,

BBQ sauce, honey and even chocolate. Sadly, Cal Poly wine is only available for purchase off-campus.

With so many things to do and places to see on campus, the only question is whether students can find the time to see it all.



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The Cal Poly vineyards, maintained by students, recently produced several types of red and white wine.



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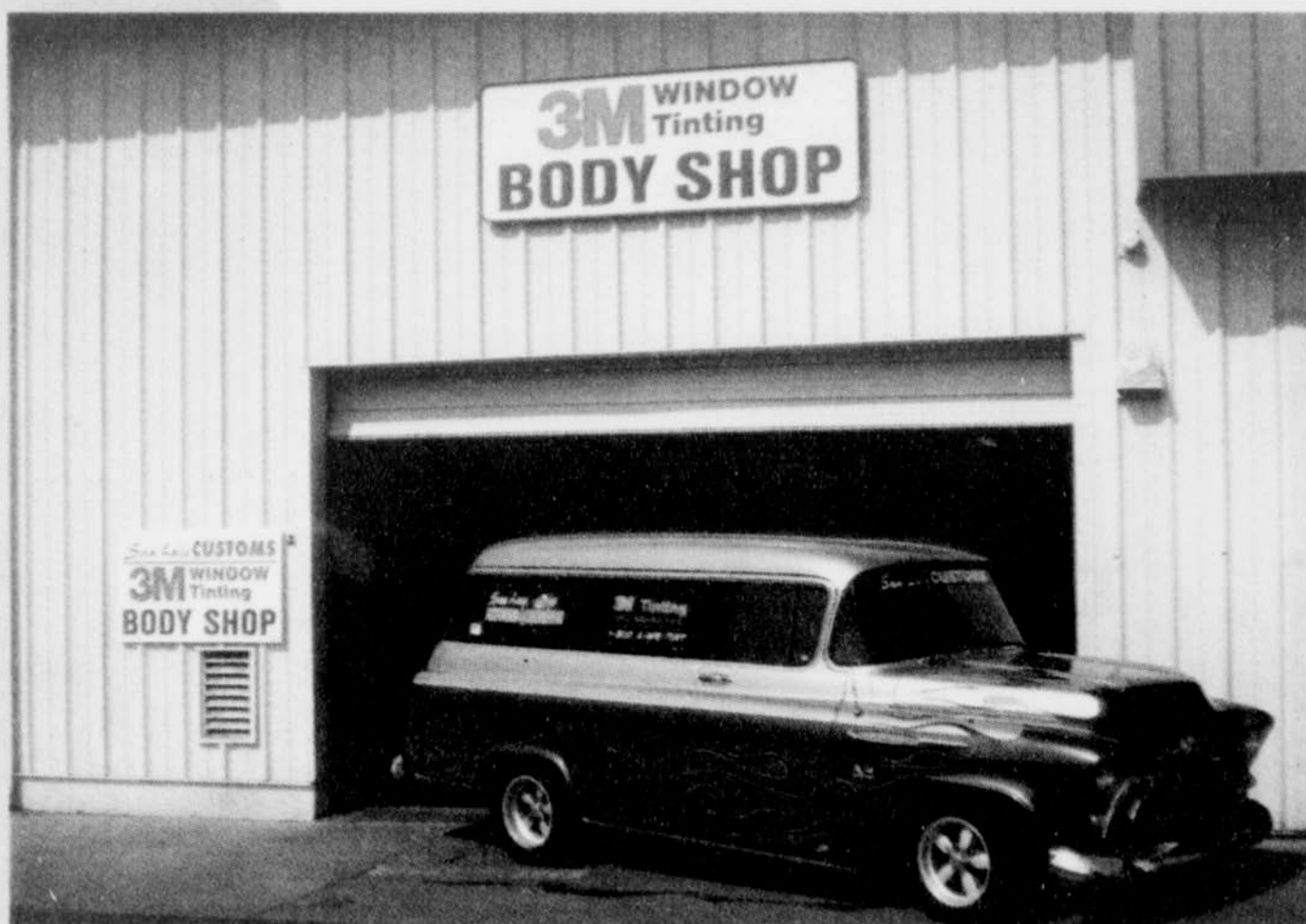
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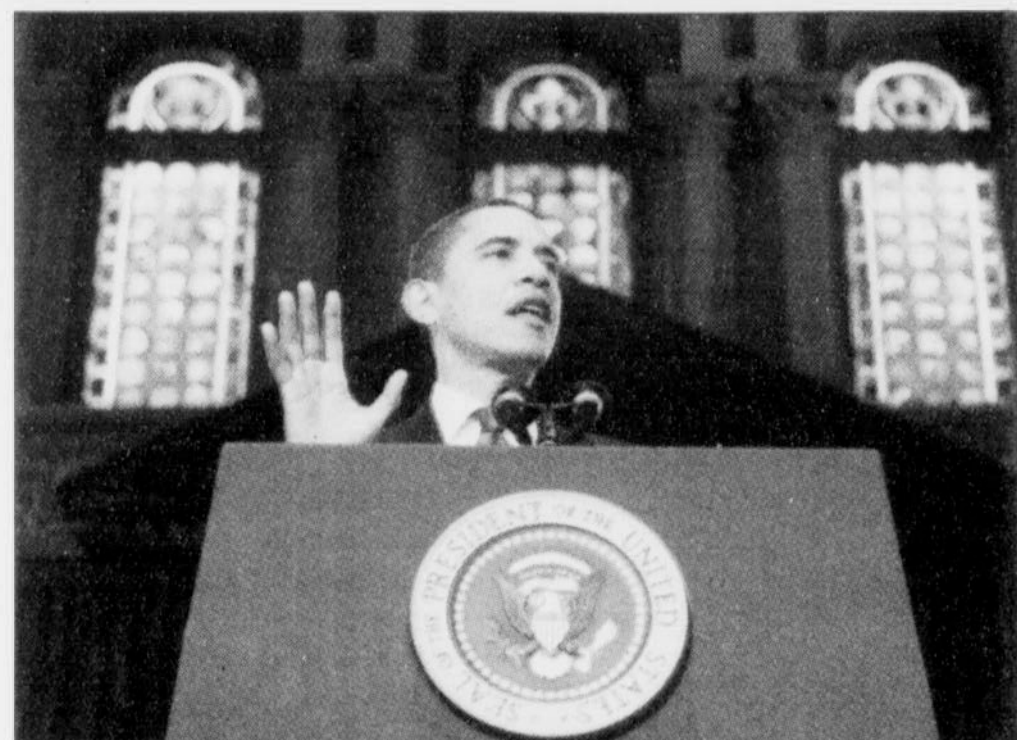
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President Barack Obama delivers remarks on the economy Tuesday at Georgetown University in Washington.

## Obama

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Obama put his fledgling presidency on the line when he advocated sweeping new government intervention and spending to right the troubled economic conditions. Shortly after taking office he signed a \$787 billion package intended to boost the economy and his administration also has unveiled a slew of other programs aimed to right the troubled home, banking and auto sectors.

"Taken together, these actions are starting to generate signs of economic progress," he said, citing canceled government-sector layoffs, new clean-energy industry hires, a spate of refinancings, and signs of increased credit flows.

But, the president said, "2009 will continue to be a difficult year." He predicted more job losses, foreclosures, and gyrating stock markets.

The president devoted a significant portion of his speech to defending actions he has taken in the face of criticism he has heard mainly from Republicans — but also from some of the more conservative members of own Democratic Party

— that he has "been spending with reckless abandon, pushing a liberal social agenda while mortgaging our children's future."

Not so, Obama said.

"The last thing a government should do in the middle of a recession is to cut back on spending," the president said.

As for the long-term, increasingly dire federal budget deficit picture, he said that investments in new industries and economic foundations is crucial to future success and even to reducing the deficit. "Chronically slow growth will not help our long-term budget situation," he said.

The president also defended the massive and unpopular government programs enacted under the Bush administration and expanded under Obama to bail out banks and other financial institutions. He acknowledged that sending money directly to taxpayers might be more palatable — but said it wouldn't be as effective.

"The truth is that a dollar of capital in a bank can actually result in eight or ten dollars of loans to families and businesses, a multiplier effect that can ultimately lead to a faster pace of economic growth," Obama said.

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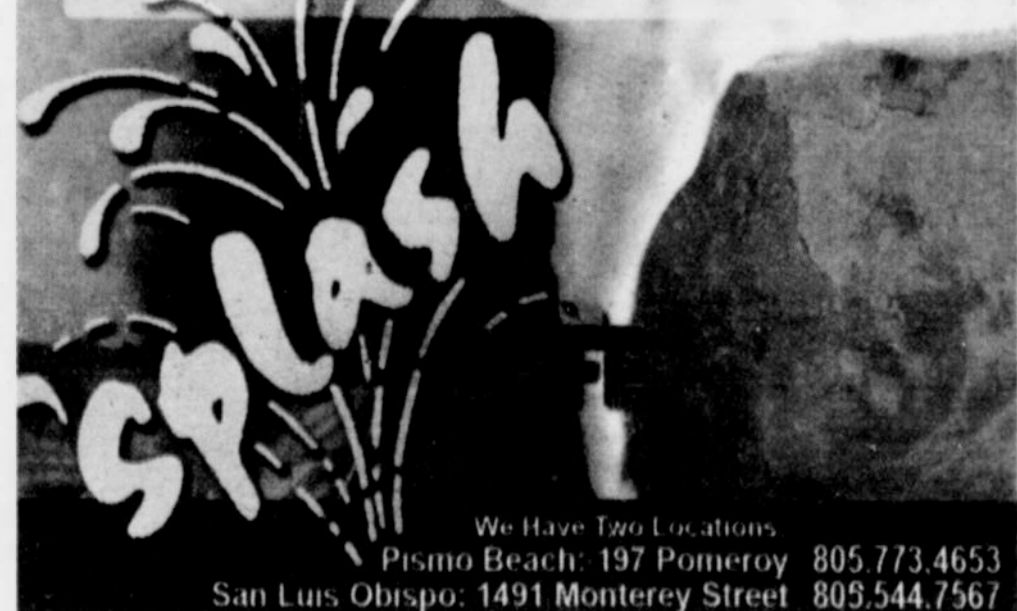
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Instead of higher education, more and more high school seniors are earning "occupational diplomas."

## Recession hits students who need jobs for diploma

Desiree Hunter  
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For some high school seniors, landing a job means more than extra cash for the movies or the mall — getting a paycheck means a chance to graduate.

Yet many schools that place special education students in paid jobs leading to so-called "occupational diplomas" are finding their work cut out for them: soaring joblessness means restaurants, small businesses and retailers that for years provided jobs to students with disabilities are increasingly hard-pressed to help in a sour economy.

"Times are different than they've ever been," said Butch Starnes, director of a career technical center who regularly places students in jobs in northern Alabama.

"A lot of systems are having this problem where you have teenagers competing for jobs with 40- and 50-year-olds now that are back in the job market looking for anything to help put food on the table," Starnes said.

The occupational diploma programs emerged in recent years across some Southern states — Alabama and Mississippi included — to help young people with disabilities enter the work force through paid jobs while they complete high school. Hundreds have used the programs to acquire the skills employers demand, often landing permanent jobs after graduating.

Yet this isn't a normal economy, and the work force is shrinking daily.

Tommy McWhorter, who owns a Piggly Wiggly supermarket in east Alabama's Chambers County, has employed three occupational diploma candidates on average each of the past eight years. He didn't take any students this year as his staff shrank from 22 to 15 workers.

"When minimum wage went up, and gas went up, and plastic went up ... everything hit us at one time," he said. "We had to take cuts, and in retail the first cut is naturally payroll."

Diane Sheriff coordinates the occupational diploma program for the county, where the jobless rate is approaching 18 percent. Students in her watch were among those McWhorter had to turn away.

"We had seven students eligible and only three of the seven have been able to find jobs," she said. "So many businesses around here are laying off;

they just don't need extra help."

Never mind that many would-be employers see the occupational diploma as a sign of skilled workers ready to deploy.

A 2008 survey published in the Journal of Disability Policies showed 80 percent of employers were inclined to hire those with occupational diplomas, while only 55 percent were likely to hire those with mere certificates of completion or achievement — the most common option for special education students.

Most in special education qualify under federal guidelines because of some life-impacting physical or mental impairment.

Thus when Wal-Mart recently announced that layoffs could be in the future of the world's largest retailer, those who run occupational diploma programs began worrying their students could become eventual casualties of the downturn.

"My first thought was 'Oh my goodness, I hope this isn't going to affect us,'" said one special education director, Susan Currie, in Alabama's Madison County system.

She said nearly all the county's occupational development program seniors — 20 out of 25 — have been placed in jobs this year, mostly at Wal-Mart. But she's worried about those who come next. "Our kids will be the first to go," she said.

In Mississippi, special education bureau director Tanya Bradley said school districts where jobs are scarce are providing the jobs themselves — putting the students in cafeteria posts and in-house child care work.

"It is critical that these students have this opportunity," Bradley said. "If they cannot pursue a standard high school diploma, this is the next best thing for them."

No national agencies or organizations keep track of the number of special education students seeking the occupational diplomas, nor even how many are unable to find work in the recession. Alabama and Mississippi are believed to be the only states offering those diplomas statewide this academic year. Similar programs are scattered across school districts elsewhere.

Alabama's occupational diploma requires 270 hours of paid employment and Mississippi, 580 hours. But Mississippi students also have the option of taking a two-year vocational

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## Unemployed seek training for green industry jobs

Terence Chea  
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As the economy sheds jobs, community colleges across the country are reporting a surge of unemployed workers enrolling in courses that offer training for "green-collar" jobs.

Students are learning how to install solar panels, repair wind turbines,

produce biofuels and do other work related to renewable energy.

"I think the opportunities in this field are going to be huge," said Rudy Gastelo, a part-time handyman who left the construction industry two years ago. "I'm not getting that 9-to-5 paycheck, so I'm looking forward to maybe getting a job within a solar company."

To meet growing demand, two-

year colleges are launching or expanding green job training with money from the federal stimulus package.

Students and schools are betting that President Barack Obama's campaign to promote alternative energy and curb global warming will create millions of well-paying green jobs.

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# Recession causing lawyer layoffs at big firms

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In America, there are always people to sue or contracts to negotiate, right? Apparently there aren't enough.

The recession is taking a steep toll on the legal profession, an industry long seen as immune from the ups and downs of the economy. Trying to weather the financial crisis, the nation's largest law firms are laying off attorneys and delaying the hiring of others.

More than 3,000 lawyers have been laid off in the first three months of 2009.

"A lot of people go into the law because it's one of those professions where you're always going to have

work. There aren't typically big layoffs," said Samuel Smith of Charlotte, N.C. "Realistically, I don't think people saw this coming."

Last summer Smith was working at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft while flirting with job opportunities at a few other firms. But in August, Smith was laid off as the economy soured. The firms that earlier had been interested were now reluctant to hire.

"I'm still looking for jobs," said Smith, who launched <http://www.rateapartner.com>, a Web site that links to legal business news articles and allows lawyers and clients to anonymously rate law firm partners.

Just how bad is it out there?

The Labor Department said the number of unemployed lawyers

jumped 66 percent last year to a 10-year high of 20,000.

The first time this year that three consecutive business days passed without one of the nation's top law firms announcing job cuts came in mid-March, according to the Web site Lawshucks.com. They have counted 3,149 lawyer layoffs — just in the big firms, just in the first three months of the year.

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Antone Dias joins a line of hundreds of people at a job fair sponsored by Monster.com in New York on March 5, 2009. Dias, a lawyer from West New York, N.J., lost his position with a law firm.



The New York City Bar Association, for the first time in its more than 135 years, is offering career counseling services to lawyers between jobs.

Law firms are delaying the hiring of final-year law students, who normally are brought on a year in advance of graduation. Law students graduating with jobs this spring are being paid to delay their start date. Some are being told there will be no work until later in the year, maybe in 2010.

So many would-be lawyers are facing this situation that Volunteer Lawyers for Justice, a group that trains volunteers to provide free legal assistance to low income clients, held a "Deferred Associates Job Fair" in Newark, N.J., for graduates looking for temporary work while waiting for permanent jobs to come through.

For some Americans, there's not much sympathy for lawyers who are suddenly jobless.

They make more money than the Average Joe, with the nation's million-or-so employed lawyers averaging \$118,280 in 2007, or \$56.87 an hour, according to the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

And the number of out-of-work lawyers is minuscule compared with the manufacturing sector, which had 945,000 unemployed workers last year, or the construction industry, which saw more than 1 million jobs disappear in 2008.

But those careers don't require four years of college plus a degree from a law school that costs about \$70,000 to attend.

"My computer is about to die with the amount of resumes I've sent out," said Tim Brown, 32, of Alexandria, Va.

Brown was laid off from his job working on franchise law for the National Auto Dealers Association on March 26 and has sent out hundreds of resumes. The response?

"We've received your resume. Thank you very much," said Brown, who made April's loan payment but is concerned about May.

Karla Cortes, 33, lost her job as a Nature Conservancy attorney in November, only two years after graduating from American University's law school.

Money is now getting tight, said Cortes, who attended a George Washington University workshop on getting a legal job in the tough economy. "I hope to find a job soon," she said. "Otherwise, I will have to return to Puerto Rico because my savings will be depleted."

Tommy Wells, president of the American Bar Association, said the increase in lawyer layoffs is partly the legal industry's fault.

In the past, large law firms diversified by having lawyers work in areas

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training program starting in 11th grade and taking a test at the end to bypass the hourly work requirement.

Becky Dean, director of special education for Mississippi's Tunica County Schools, said she often encourages students to take the two-year route because it can be just as helpful in gaining post-graduation employment while avoiding problems finding work in a dismal job market.

"To me, those vocational classes carry a lot more weight," she said. "A lot of times in say a building trades class, word gets around who can do the work and who's a good performer. They get set up for jobs that way."

Some schools have suggested waiving some of the required work hours until the economy improves.

But David Johnson, who directs the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota, said easing requirements isn't the answer. The institute aims to improve services and support for the disabled through research and training.

"There's no easy solution to this," said Johnson, who called on schools to work more with employers and their state labor departments on the issue.



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## The American mood: Is the angst bottoming out?

Ted Anthony  
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Friday night in northern New Jersey, circa April 2009, offers clues to prove any theory about the American economic meltdown, depending on what you want to believe. Just like so many places these days.

Craving optimism? Watch the tour bus emptying into the La Quinta lobby off Route 3, its occupants abuzz about their weekend sightseeing jaunt into Manhattan. Or see the hungry diners spilling out the door of Carino's Italian Grill in the Clifton Commons shopping center — a line of customers waiting to put their money into the consumer economy.

Want some economic angst? That's easy, too. Drive straight up Bloomfield Avenue into Glen Ridge, Montclair and Verona. Gaze at the empty Volvo and Jaguar dealerships and the deserted bank. Contemplate the thinned-out blocks of storefronts, defunct restaurants, abandoned shops and "For Lease" signs in one of the region's more affluent areas.

More doom on the horizon? Or will happy days soon be here again? Take your pick. The confusion is enough to play havoc on a person's mood — or an entire nation's. "Everybody is looking at it through their own personal lens," says Liza Dawson, a self-employed literary agent from Glen Ridge.

In hard economic times, Americans turn to numbers to see whether things are getting better. Gauging the mood of the republic is not as quantifiable. It is not measured but sampled. Yet the human factor can be crucial. An improving outlook can increase confidence and nudge prosperity along.

In recent days, just as we've seen tantalizing, oh-so-subtle hints the economic distress might be leveling off, a smattering of signs has emerged to suggest the national bad mood of recent months may be — and note we say, quite carefully, MAY be — bottoming out.

Last week, fresh retail sales figures, a key indicator of consumer spending and, thus, the American mood, suggested that while people are still holding their cash close to their chest, their sour stomach might be stabilizing a bit — getting "less worse," in effect.

Numbers from Gallup's Consumer Mood Index were up 6 points for the week ending April 5, the fourth consecutive week they rose. The index is now as high as it's been in over a year — buoyed, perhaps, by the upward-creeping stock market. And an AP-GfK poll showed the number of Americans who think the country is heading in the right direction more than doubled between October and February — to 40 percent.

Not that it's all good, mind you.

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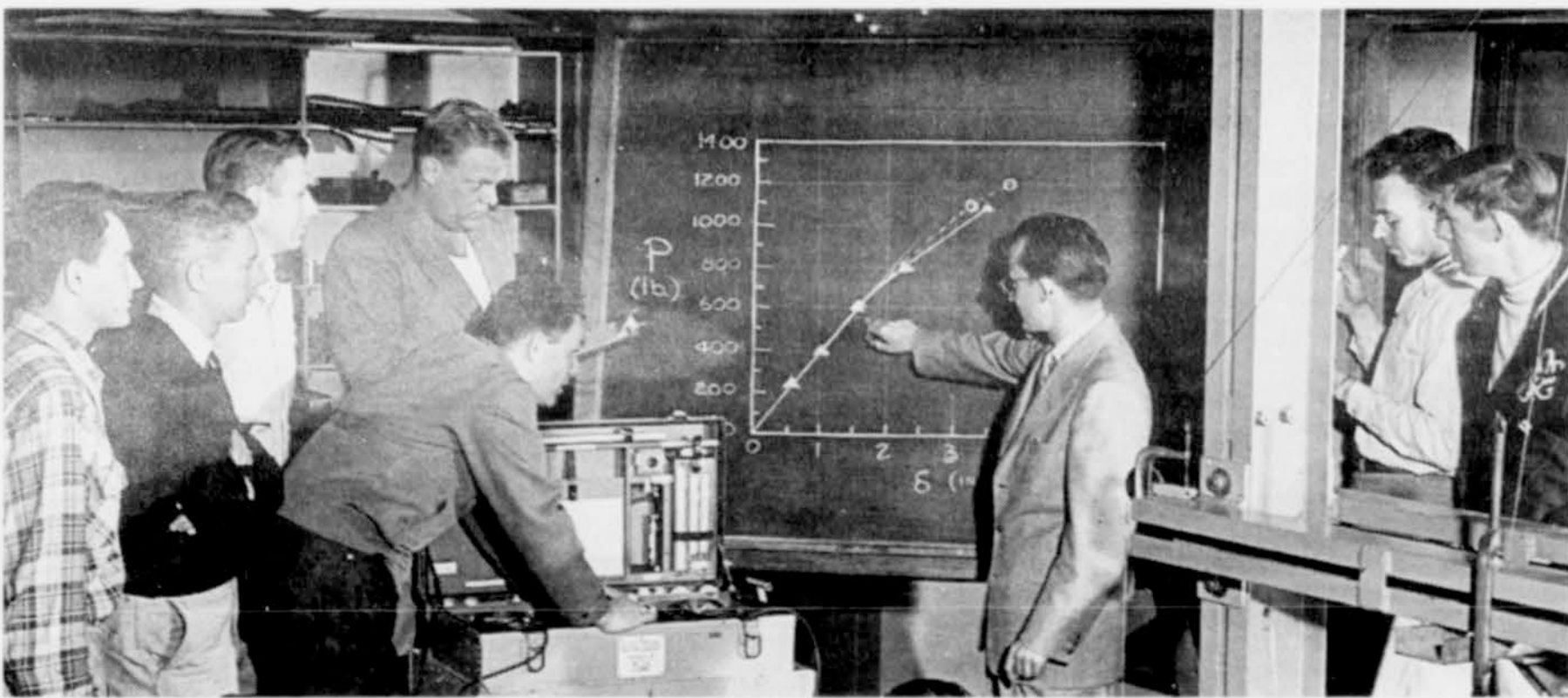
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## 2. Administration building:

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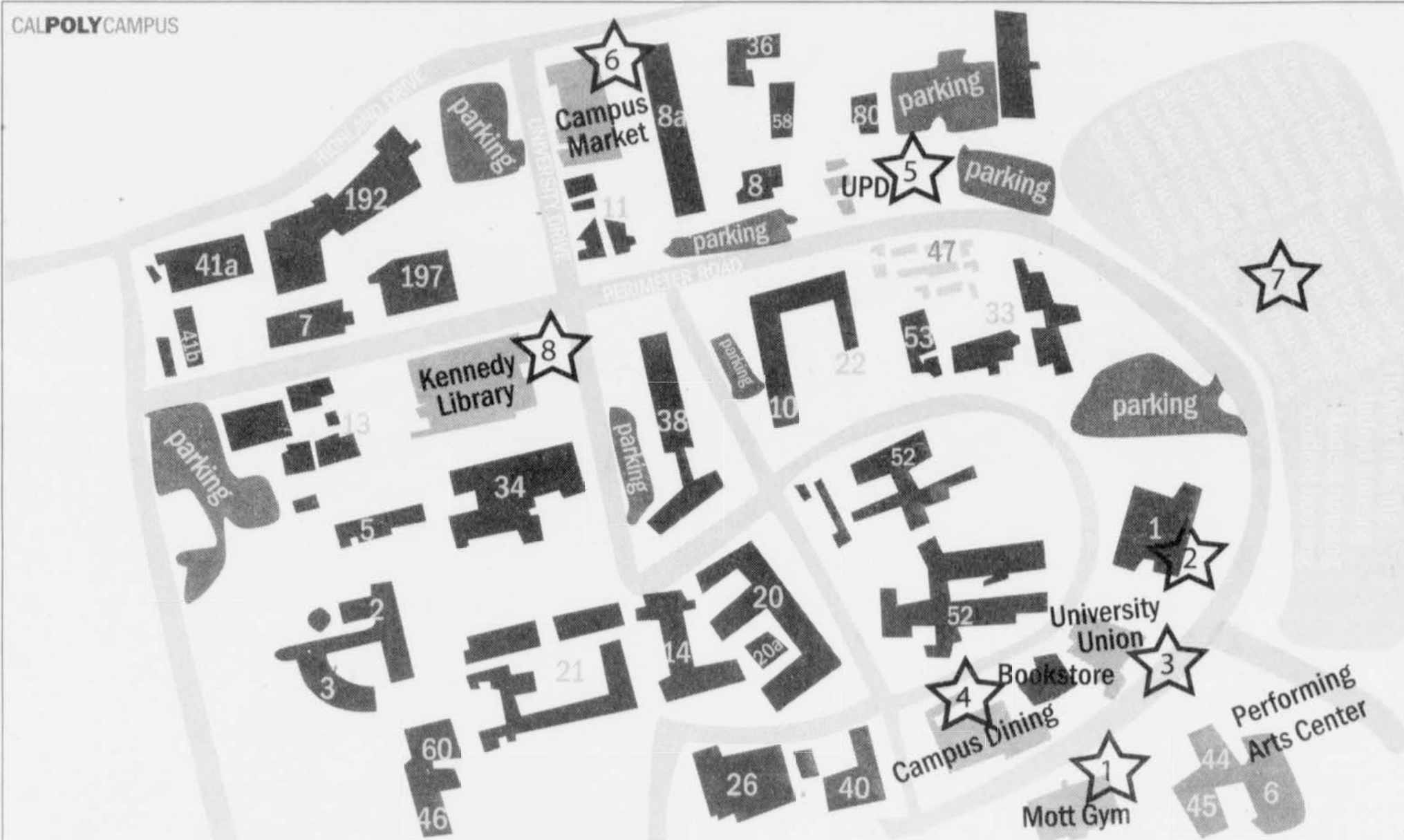
## 3. University Union

The University Union and UU Plaza are the main student hotspots around campus, for good reason. Dozens of free events are hosted in Chumash Auditorium and the UU also houses student government, club and Student Life and Leadership offices. On the first floor, there's a bowling alley and arcade, Starbucks coffee shop, Poly Escapes and Craft Center. UU Plaza has free concerts every Thursday.

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## 6. Campus Market

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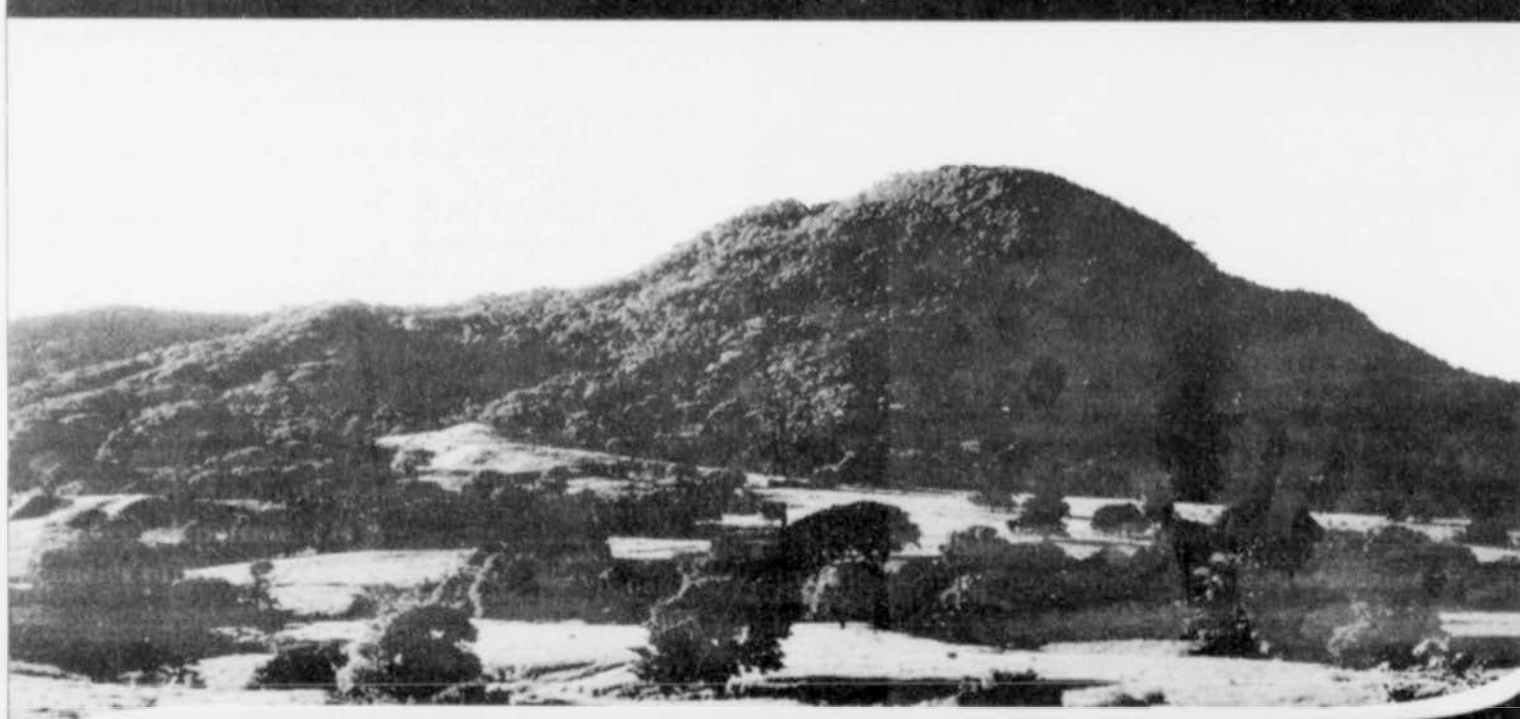
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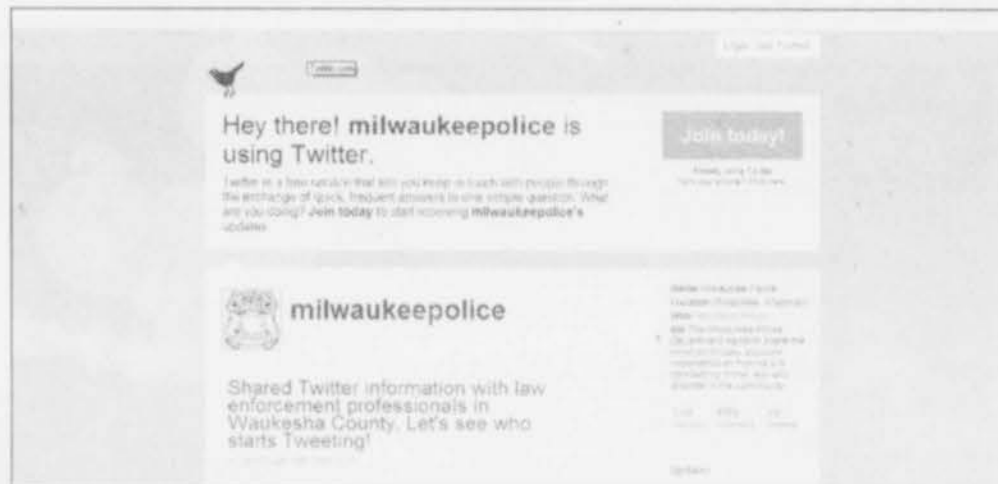
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## New police tool: Twitter



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In this screen shoot taken from Twitter, the Twitter Web site for the Milwaukee Police Department is shown. Milwaukee's department is one of a growing number of police and fire agencies turning to social networking Web sites such as Twitter.

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When Milwaukee police wanted to get word of a murder out quickly, they did it in 113 characters on Twitter.

"Latest homicide in the city is NOT a random act. Male, 33, shot in 1500 block N. 39. More details as we have them," read the recent entry.

Milwaukee's department is one of

a growing number of police and fire agencies turning to social networking Web sites such as Twitter, which lets users send text-message "tweets" to a mass audience in 140 characters or less. The tweets can be read on the Web or on mobile phones within seconds.

Some departments use Twitter to alert people to traffic disruptions,

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In this 2007 photograph provided by Dan Choi, 1st Lt. Choi, in the Army's 10th Mountain Division, stands atop a Humvee in south Baghdad with an Iraqi sheikh. Choi, a 2003 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, came out as gay in March 2009 and is a founding member of Knights Out, a newly formed association of gay and lesbian West Point alumni.

## Gay West Point graduates target ban on serving openly

David Crary  
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As a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy, Dan Choi faced an ethical dilemma.

The academy's honor code was clear, beginning "A cadet will not lie." Yet as a gay man, Choi felt bound by the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy to be untruthful about who he was.

Last month, six years after his graduation and two years after serving in Iraq, Choi came out — even though he remains an infantry officer in the Army National Guard.

His announcement in mid-March was part of the launch of Knights Out, the first association representing gay and lesbian alumni of West Point. Already, it has at least 50 members who've publicly identified themselves on the group's Web site.

Its stated mission is to advocate for repeal of "don't ask, don't tell" so that gays can serve openly in the military, and to help prepare the West Point community to be effective leaders after that policy change occurs.

Under the policy, which President Barack Obama says he wants to repeal after consultation with the Pentagon, the military does not ask recruits about their sexual orientation, while service members are banned from saying they are gay or engaging in homosexual activity.

"Forcing people to lie — it's absolutely a morally bankrupt idea," Choi said in a telephone interview from his home in Orange County,

California.

The chair of Knights Out's board, Becky Kanis, has bitter memories of being investigated while at West Point on suspicion that she was a lesbian. She graduated in 1991 and served contentedly for nine years in the Signal Corps, but said she eventually grew tired of the need to deceive.

"I started to feel immature — I was too grown up to be lying about where I spent the weekend," she said.

Kanis now lives in New York City, working for an institute that combats homelessness.

She believes the end of "don't ask, don't tell" is imminent, and hopes Knights Out will be well positioned to serve after repeal as a resource on how the military can deal with gay and lesbian issues.

"We're uniquely in a position to bridge the knowledge gap," she said. "We're optimistic that we'll be able to work with the academy once the ban is lifted."

For now, Knights Out has no formal relationship with the academy or the West Point Association of Graduates, the main alumni association. The association's spokeswoman, Kim McDermott, says it cannot partner with an alumni group advocating for policy change.

Francis DeMaro, West Point's public affairs officer, said Knights Out members are welcome on the campus as individuals, but added that

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## Lawyers

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such as bankruptcy and litigation that could support the corporate and mergers-and-acquisition work when the economy soured and vice versa, he noted.

"Firms probably got a bit out of balance in terms of their practice areas and put a lot of resources into areas that unfortunately are not nearly as active as they were a few years ago," he said.

The economy is being blamed for entire law firms going under.

In Philadelphia, WolfBlock, which has been in business since 1903 and

has more than 300 lawyers in several states, is "unwinding" in preparation for closing. Partners blame the banking crisis, the recession — especially in the firm's core real estate practice — and lawyers and clients bailing as the writing on the wall became clearer.

In New York City, Thacher Proffitt & Wood, in business since 1848, survived the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001; it had offices in the World Trade Center and lost none of its more than 300 lawyers and support staff. But it couldn't survive the bad economy and closed in September.

Fanni Koszeg, 34, of New York City, lost her job at Thacher in April 2008. Koszeg thought she would

take the summer off and maybe go back to work as a public interest lawyer.

"That was very naive of me," Koszeg said. "Now, all of the other law firms have been laying off hundreds of lawyers."

It has been more than a decade since the market was this bad for lawyers, said David P. Landau of Klein, Landau and Romm, one of the nation's oldest continually operating legal search firms in the United States.

"We'll come out of this, we always do," said Landau, who has been recruiting lawyers for more than two decades. This recession, he said, "is a little deeper. It may take longer."



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## Ethical questions rise in harvesting dead son's sperm

Jamie Stengle  
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Nikolas Colton Evans had talked about how much he wanted to have a child, but the 21-year-old died after he was punched and hit his head on the ground in a fight. That would have been the end of it, if it weren't for his determined mother, a court order and an urologist.

Missy Evans has harvested her dead son's sperm and hopes to find a surrogate and one day raise her son's child. It's a decision that ethicists say raises troubling questions; one called the potential offspring a "replacement child."

Evans isn't concerned about what others might think. She says she is only doing what her son would have wanted.

"He would love me so much for doing this," she said.

Austin police say Nikolas Evans was punched during a fight on an Austin street early March 27 and then fell to the ground, striking his head. He died April 5. Police are still trying to identify the person who hit him.

After a doctor told her that nothing more could be done for her son, Missy Evans came up with the idea of harvesting his sperm. She discussed the idea with her ex-husband, her older son and other family members, and said all supported her wish to help a part of Nikolas live on through his future offspring.

She said her son once told her he wanted three sons and had already picked out names. She described Nikolas as an "old soul" interested in filmmaking, politics, music and old movies.

"My son wanted to graduate from college. He wanted to have children. And someone took that away from him," said Evans, 42, of Bedford, located between Dallas and Fort Worth.

Evans had to go to court to get permission to harvest his sperm. On Tuesday, a Travis County probate judge granted her wish — ordering the county Medical Examiner's Office to keep her son's body chilled to at least 39.2 degrees and allow access so an expert could take the specimen.

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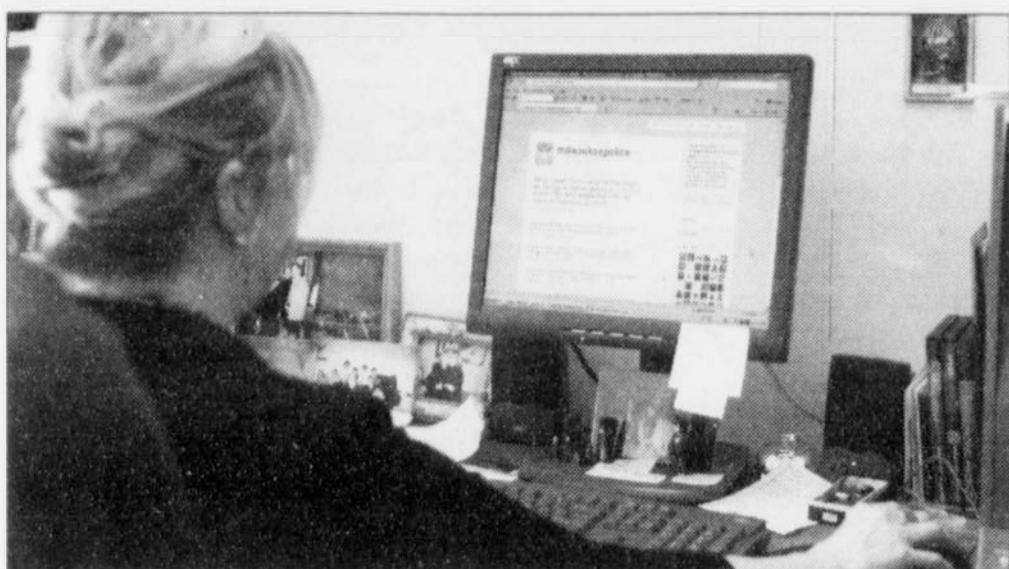
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Milwaukee Police spokeswoman Anne E. Schwartz updates the department's Twitter account in Milwaukee.

## Twitter

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to explain why police are in a certain neighborhood or to offer crime prevention tips. Others encourage leads on more pressing matters: bomb scares, wildfires, school lockdowns and evacuations.

People signed up to automatically receive every tweet from one source are known as "followers," and by that measure, public-safety Twitter pages are nowhere near the most popular. Cyclist Lance Armstrong and actress Demi Moore each have more than 500,000 followers. Milwaukee police have about 900.

But even non-followers can see the updates too, and Milwaukee police spokeswoman Anne E. Schwartz, one of two Twitterers in the department, says the site is a valuable resource.

"We are trying to reach people in the places they are already going for information," she said.

One risk of Twitter is that anyone can go on the site and claim to be the cops. In March, the Texas attorney general's office shut down a phony Twitter account called "Austin PD," which had about 450 followers and used the official city seal.

The culprit has not been arrested, so his or her intent is not yet known. Mainly the tweets were in a joking vein, such as "Warming up my radar gun for SXSW," a reference to Austin's South By Southwest music conference.

But the potential for more dangerous misinformation worries Craig Mitnick, founder of Nixle LLC, which offers what it calls a secure "municipal wire" that public agencies can use instead of Twitter to broadcast updates.

Web sites like Twitter or Facebook are "meant for social purposes and not for trusted information," Mitnick said. "It's a bombshell waiting to explode."

Schwartz pointed out that anyone concerned about the validity of the

Milwaukee police posts on Twitter can call the department, and she said most of its posts direct readers back to the police Web site as well.

Police are tweeting all over, from Canada to such U.S. cities as Boston, Baltimore, Richmond, Va., Boulder, Colo., Dalton, Ga., and Mount Pleasant, S.C. Fire departments do it in Napa, Calif., Charlotte, N.C., Trenton, Mo., Mesa, Ariz., and Oradell, N.J.

In Scottsdale, Ariz., police plan to use Nixle, but they also will keep their Twitter account, which has 800 followers. Sgt. Mark Clark said that the emergency telephone notification system known as Reverse 911 doesn't always work efficiently, and that Twitter is useful because so many people check it from wireless devices.

While Milwaukee and other police agencies use it primarily to direct people to positive stories on their Web sites, the Los Angeles Fire Department uses Twitter both to broadcast and to receive information.

Firefighter and spokesman Brian Humphrey said he monitors keywords like "LA" and "fire" on Twitter and received real-time reports on flare-ups and wind directions during the 2007 Griffith Park wildfires. He relayed the information to firefighters.

Humphrey said he's aware of the risks about the legitimacy of tweets. But the department isn't abandoning the mainstream media and other ways of relaying information, and considers networking sites an additional way to reach people, he said.

Since the fall, the FBI — "FBI-PressOffice" on Twitter — has accumulated more than 2,000 followers, including people in at least 150 public safety agencies.

Special Agent Jason Pack tweets about job fairs, computer worms, fugitives and missing children. During the presidential inauguration the FBI used the account to update information on checkpoints and subway stations that were closed in Washington.

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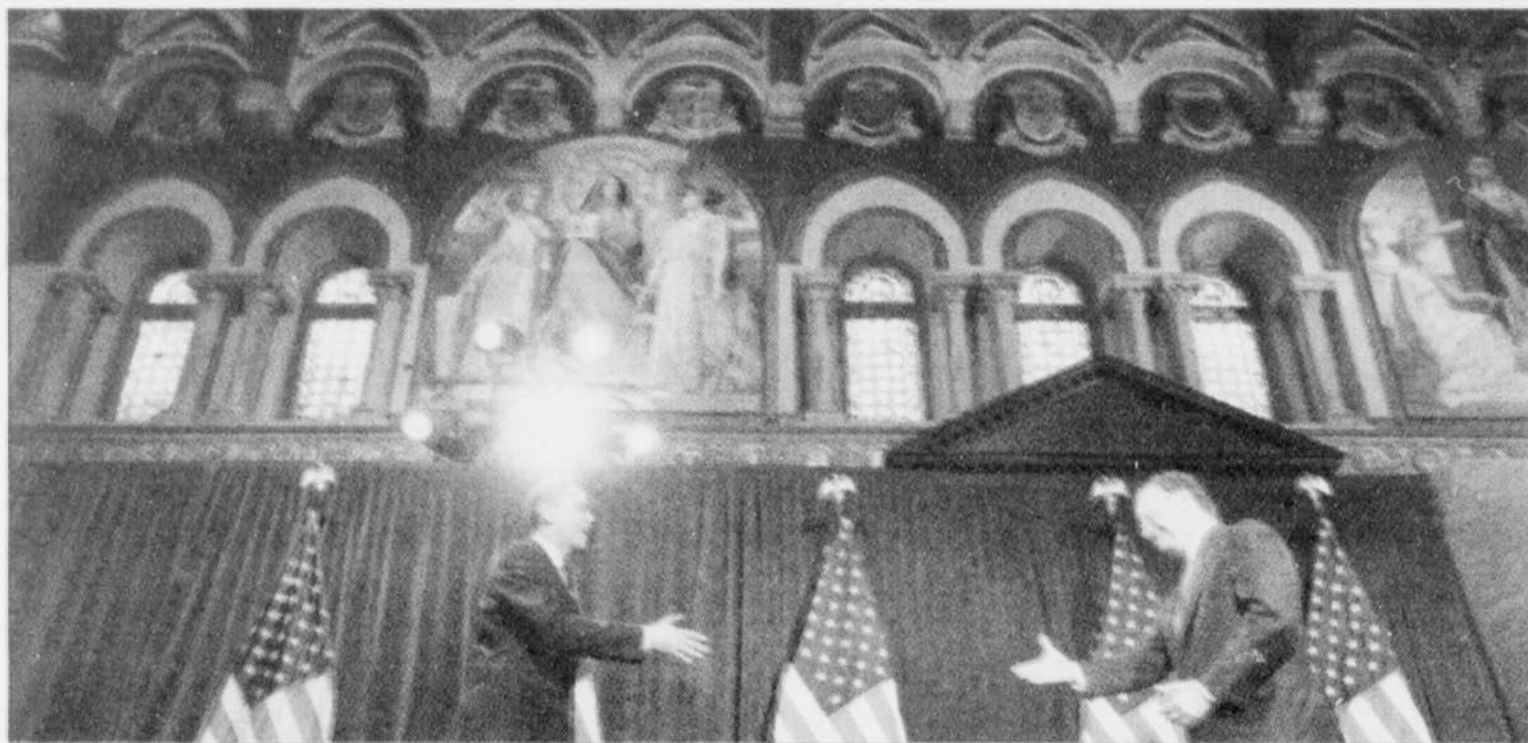
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President Barack Obama delivers remarks on the economy, Tuesday, at Georgetown University in Washington.

## Angst

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Just, well, less worse.

Both AT&T and the increasingly beleaguered General Motors are trying to tap into — or is it regenerate? — the American optimism

gene with new TV commercials that emphasize the positive talk. For every downturn, one ad says, there is an upturn. The other taps into the longtime American can-do spirit by saying that it's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work.

Then there's the guy in the White House who is trying to fix all this.

"We're starting," President Barack Obama said Friday, "to see a glimmer of hope."

But do regular Americans see it the same way? Across geography and political lines, the clarion response was this: Who really knows?

Ask Kristin Smith, 34, a Dayton, Ohio, middle-school teacher watch-

ing the hometown Cincinnati Reds play the New York Mets one afternoon late last week. "It doesn't seem like it's getting better," she says. "You see it on the news, it sounds a little better, but I don't see it. ... I don't think we've reached bottom."

Ask Scott Jacobson, 57, a Phoenix management consultant who is involved in myriad projects to help others get through the meltdown. He says this: "You can either let it depress you or say 'OK, I cannot get depressed. I have to keep going.'" But he also says this: "I'm an optimist and I feel fairly gloomy."

Ask Randy Thomas, 55, a high-school teacher from Red Bank, N.J., visiting his daughter at West Virginia University. Everyone he knows is, he says, in "wait-and-see mode" for now. "It seems like recently there's been some uptick, at least in the stock market," he says, "but that can be so crazy it's hard to tell if that's the evidence that we're maybe starting on a recovery path."

Or ask Wayne Martin, 25, of Atlanta, who is bucking the trend: His new job pays \$20,000 more than the previous one. Not that he doesn't have friends who are suffering. Says Martin: "We can only go up from here."

Not exactly a resounding chorus of optimism. But not quite the audacity of mope, either.

"When you're in the middle of it, what's going through your mind is, 'How bad is it going to get and how long is it going to last?' ... And I think for a while we were kind of in that 'earthquake' mode," says Jeffrey Bell, a managing partner at Galatin Public Affairs, which specializes in helping clients in crisis develop communications strategies.

Now, though, "I think people do sense we may be close to the bottom or at the bottom," Bell says.

Americans, though, despise uncertainty. This nation has always dreamed big, but also has long shown a preference for tidy, digestible outcomes. Subtlety is squishy. For that kind of society, cloudy tomorrows are intolerable. And for many people, the worry about what might happen is as disorienting as the things that actually do.

Craig Marker, director of the Anxiety Treatment Center at Nova Southeastern University in Florida, has seen an increasing number of clients who are fretting about matters economic, even if they're not directly affected. But many are coping, and Marker describes the response he's seeing as the "psychological immune system" kicking in.

In other words, mental antibodies are attacking the sense of economic vertigo.

"The initial worry came from thinking of the Depression, people out on the streets — 'I don't want to lose everything I have,'" Marker says. "But the worst-case scenario didn't happen immediately. So we bounce back."

This is a time, too, when that national character trait, the one about Americans being the sort of folk who pull themselves up by their bootstraps, is useful. President Herbert Hoover called it "rugged individualism," the notion that a country of immigrants who generally came here under less-than-optimal conditions is better equipped to handle itself when challenges emerge.

If it's true, great. If it isn't — well, then it's certainly a useful mythology for the age.

"We get very worried about it, but we do have this sense that we'll be fine," Marker says. "Maybe as a culture we have an additional component to that psychological immune system: We've pulled through many things before, and we'll pull through this."

In the end, mood is about as individual a trait as they come. Politics matter. Obama backers are more likely to believe in the coming days than do his detractors. Someone who just lost a job is not necessarily going to think things are about to get better. Citizens of places that the meltdown has spared have more fodder for optimism.

That's what seems to be happening for the customers of brothers Chris and Jim O'Meally, who opened a restaurant and wine bar last summer on the border of Berkeley and Oakland, Calif. At first, their customers were anxious about the economy. Now, talk has turned from jobs lost to what the future holds.

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-Ricardo Ramirez,  
architecture freshman



"Study and get friends that can help you study, like study groups."

-Antonio Amador,  
agricultural business freshman



"My mom just tells me to eat. She always tells me to eat and asks if I've ate."

-Saul Fierro,  
physics sophomore



"Get enough sleep and just talk to your teachers to stay on top of grades. And get a job."

-Israel Gonzalez,  
computer science freshman



"Study hard and don't get distracted. My parents are strict!"

-Annie Sheu,  
biology chemistry freshman



"Honestly, the last thing my dad said to me before I traveled in a car with my mom (from Colorado) was, 'If you get a girl pregnant, don't bother coming back.'"

-Brandon Styles,  
business freshman



"They told me not to go into liberal arts. They wanted me to do business. They told me all I'd be doing is studying and asked me, 'Why are you going to a polytechnic school for liberal arts?'"

-Brita Shallcross,  
English freshman



"Study. Don't do what your brother did."

-Melinda Wiles,  
mathematics freshman



"My parents tell me not to spend too much time studying. My dad tells me to go to concerts and cultural events to meet people."

-Kristen Field,  
mathematics freshman



"They are really strict. They tell me to be responsible and you're accountable for all your actions. I say I want to have a good time and get involved in a lot of activities."

-Justin Carson,  
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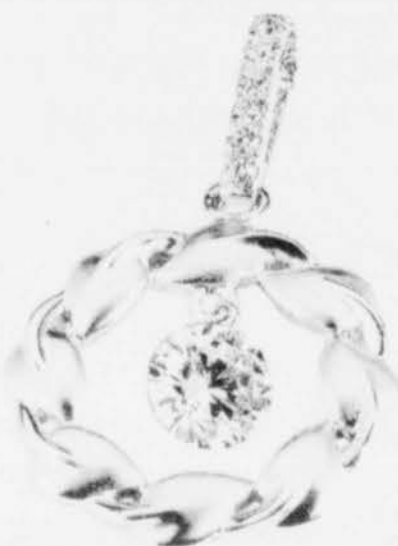
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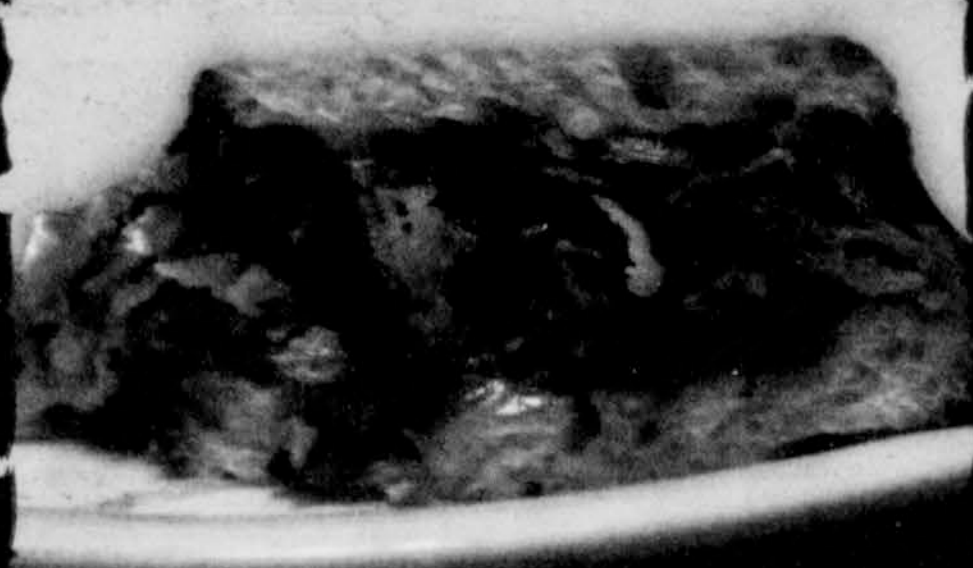
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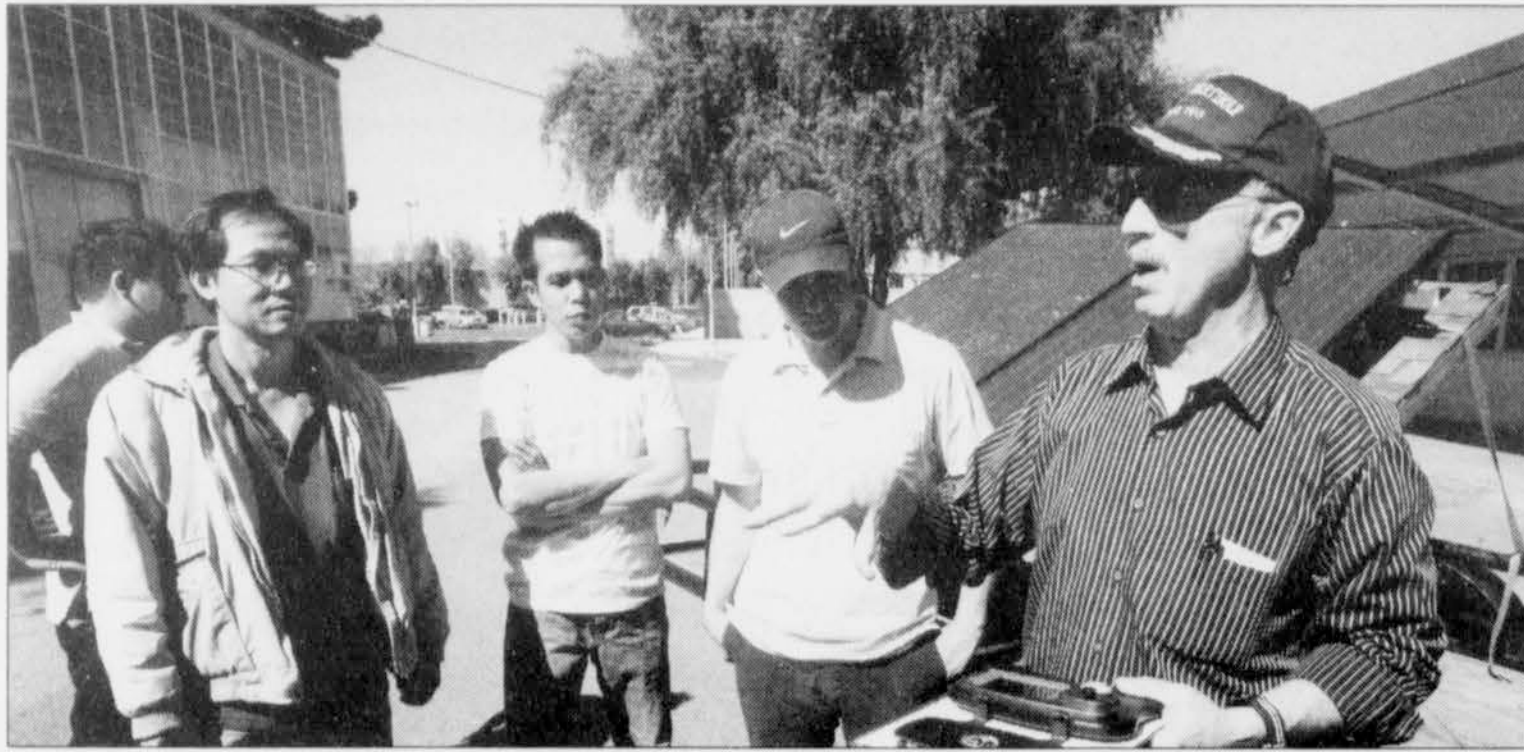
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David McFeely talks to students about a sun path analyzer during a class on solar panel installation, on March 28, 2009 at San Jose City College in San Jose, Calif. Students and colleges are betting that President Barack Obama's campaign to promote alternative energy and combat global warming will create millions of green jobs that pay well, cannot be outsourced and do not require a four-year degree.

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## Green-collar

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that do not require a four-year degree. Gastelo, 32, is learning how to install solar power systems at San Jose City College, which has long waiting lists for such classes.

But the steep economic downturn has not spared the green energy industry, which had been expanding rapidly before the financial crisis. Many renewable-power firms are now canceling projects, laying off workers or selling themselves to competitors because business has dried up.

"It's going to be a very tough year. A lot of companies are not going to make it," said Ron Pernick, co-founder of the market research firm Clean Edge Inc.

Many newly trained workers are having trouble finding jobs, and some people worry that schools could end up producing too many workers for too few jobs.

"Even in these areas with great potential, the number of actual positions is way down from where they could be," said Barry Sedlick, who chairs the California Green Collar Jobs Council.

But many college officials believe there will be strong demand for green-collar workers once the economy rebounds and governments move to limit greenhouse gas emissions and require more alternative energy.

The federal stimulus package sets aside tens of billions of dollars to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency. It will also create thousands of jobs retrofitting government buildings and public housing to make them more energy-efficient.

"The recovery package will help move industry forward and offer a lot of opportunities for workers at all levels," said Mindy Feldbaum, director of workforce development programs at the National Institute for Work and

Learning.

The renewable energy industry generated about 500,000 jobs and \$43 billion revenue in the United States in 2007. The much broader energy-efficiency industry generated 8.6 million jobs and \$1 trillion in revenue, according to a report issued in January by the American Solar Energy Society.

The study projected that the two sectors could employ 16 million to 37 million people by 2030, depending on government policy.

In Florida, Palm Beach Community College expects to enroll 200 students this fall — up from 20 students last fall and 150 students this spring — in a new associate degree program that focuses on alternative energy sources such as wind, solar or hydroelectric power.

Associate Dean Sam Freas is optimistic about green energy's long-term prospects, but he is careful to set realistic expectations among students.

"They look at me and say, 'Can you guarantee me a job?'" he said. "And the answer is, 'Absolutely not.'"

In North Carolina, Central Carolina Community College has long waiting lists for green building and renewable energy classes. The school recently created an associate degree for sustainable fuel production.

"The perception is that there is just a ton of these green jobs already out there," said Andrew McMahan, who coordinates the biofuels program. "The reality is that they are coming, but like any other industry it needs time to mature."

In Michigan, which has the nation's highest unemployment rate at 12 percent, Lansing Community College has seen enrollment in its alternative energy degree program grow from 42 students in 2005 to 252 students in 2008. This fall, the college will begin offering certificates for solar, geothermal, wind turbine and energy effi-

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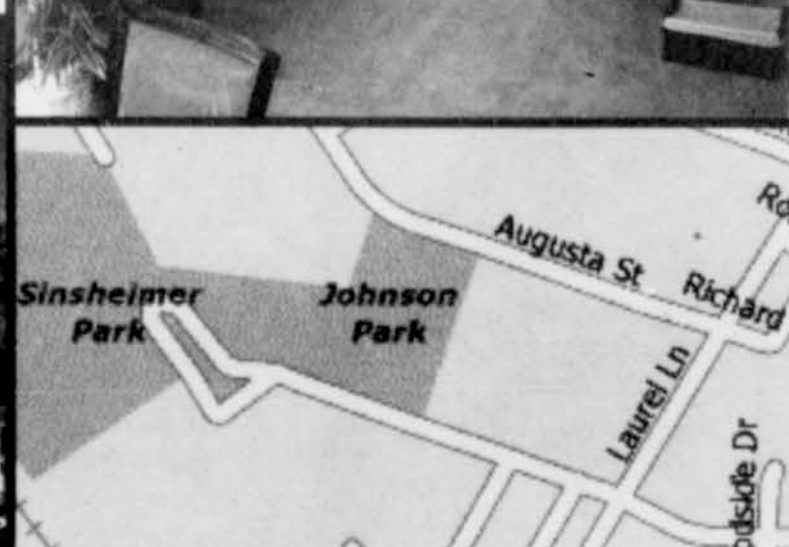
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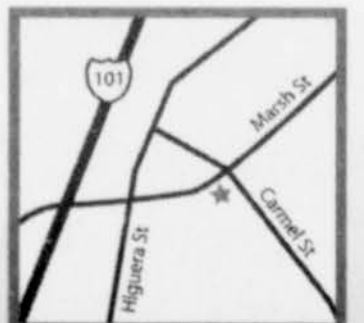
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Becky Kanis shows Kanis posing during a peacekeeping mission to Haiti in 1995 while serving in the Army's Signal Corps. Kanis, a 1991 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, is a founding member of Knights Out, a newly formed association of gay and lesbian West Point alumni.

## Gay grads

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the academy doesn't affiliate with any alumni group except the Association of Graduates.

For now, Knights Out doesn't want to antagonize the graduate association or the academy with confrontational tactics.

"We've let them know we're out there," said Sue Fulton, Knights Out's communications director. "We've expressed that we want to open a dialogue."

Earlier this month, Kanis and Fulton attended a diversity conference at the academy. They did not seek to make an official presentation, but spoke informally to numerous participants and said they received positive feedback.

"Our group doesn't want to close any doors with West Point," said Fulton. "And West Point is very cognizant there's a fine line they walk with respect to the existing law, which makes any official interaction dicey."

Fulton said Knights Out is starting to prepare initiatives that could be implemented only when "don't ask, don't tell" is repealed — for example, helping to form a gay/straight alliance at the academy or dispatching some of its members to talk with commanding officers about their experiences.

Fulton, 50, graduated from the academy in 1980, part of the first class that included women. She served in the Signal Corps and left the service in 1986, after wearying — like Kanis — of being targeted with suspicion

and threatened investigations.

"I was very discreet — I wasn't seeing anybody," Fulton said. "But I left because I wanted to be in a relationship and I realized that wasn't going to be possible in the military."

She now lives with her partner of 14 years in North Plainfield, N.J., and works for a pharmaceutical company.

Among Knights Out's "out" members, Choi is the only one still serving in the military — as an infantry platoon leader with New York State's Army National Guard.

After he came out in mid-March, and discussed that decision on MSNBC's "The Rachel Maddow Show," he was unsure how things would go at his guard unit's next training session.

"No one talked about it for three or four days, and I thought 'No one knows,'" Choi said. "But at the end, a lot of the soldiers said they knew and they support me 100 percent. ... No one was uncomfortable."

Choi said he hopes to continue as platoon leader and thus far has received no warnings from any superiors for his decision to speak out about being gay.

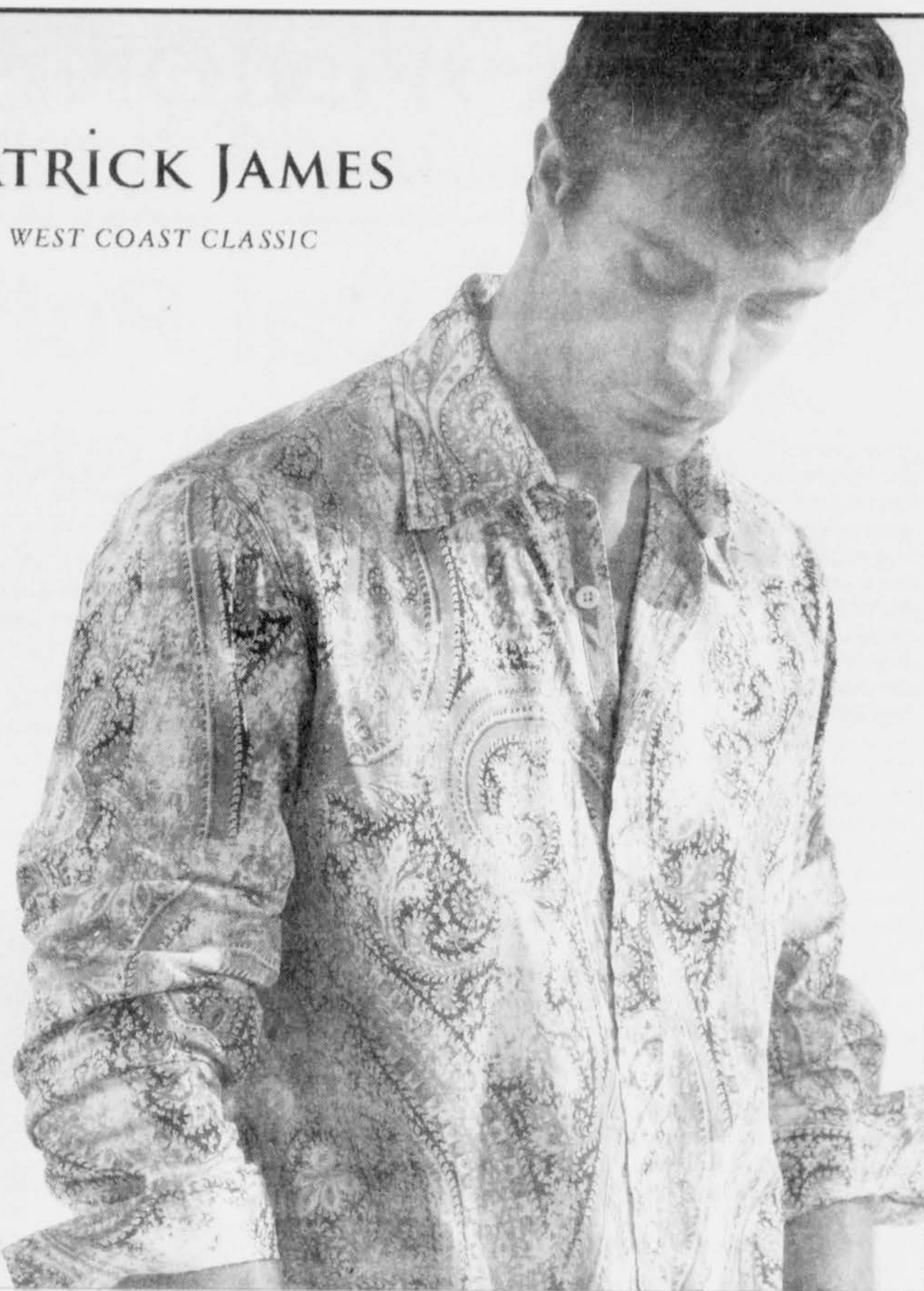
At home, however, there are challenges.

"My dad is a Baptist minister — he's not had an easy time with this," Choi said.

Gay/lesbian alumni from the Naval Academy formed an association in 2003 called USNA Out, and a comparable Air Force Academy alumni group, Blue Alliance, was formed in 2007, but Knights Out has carved out a more focused political role for itself by depicting repeal of "Don't ask, don't tell" as its central mission.

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"She hates my squishy headlines."

# Cal Poly is too harsh on skateboarders

It is not news that skateboarders attract trouble wherever they choose to get up on the board. They instantly become targets for harassment from law enforcement officials upholding an ever-growing list of regulations aimed at stamping out skateboarding in more and more public places.

I have lived in cities that know how to deal with skateboarders reasonably and considerately, especially when it comes to students trying to get to class. However, in San Luis Obispo, the anti-skateboarding lobby has clearly won the fight.

Just what is it exactly about a four-wheeled plank of wood that threatens so many people, compelling them to enact laws prohibiting it, even if it's someone's only form of transportation? Is it the noise they make passing over the cracks in the sidewalk? The occasional jerk who wants to show off and ends up eating it at a stop sign?

Whatever the psychological reasoning or forced logic behind these "No Skateboarding" rules may be, let us stop, take a deep breath and try to take a fresh look at this. Skateboarding restrictions in downtown San Luis Obispo make sense: narrow sidewalks, uneven pavement, a lack of bike lanes and the rectangular grid-like nature of the roads are not skate-friendly. And let's face it: it freaks out the straights who go there to shop and pour badly-needed money into our local economy.

However, when it comes to skateboarding on the Cal Poly campus, a blanket ban is taking this trend too far.

Currently, skateboarding is prohibited across the Cal Poly campus, regardless of walk zones or time of day and amount of pedestrian traffic. While a first offense only gets a person a verbal warning, the second includes a citation costing the offender a fine of \$138 or hours of their time at a diversion seminar, which simply reiterates the laws prohibiting skateboarding on campus. A third offense brings with it a mandatory fine, which increases to \$180, and then \$360, for each additional offense.

Bottom line: if you have to use a skateboard to get around, be prepared to get off when you reach campus or pay dearly in your scarce time and money.

According to University Police Department Commander Lori Hashim, the blanket ban has its roots in the later '70s and early '80s when skateboarding on campus became more prevalent. During that time, skateboarders allegedly caused thousands of dollars in damage to university property and Cal Poly would get sued after accidents. Hashim also pointed out that skateboarding on campus remains a significant source of complaints from both faculty and students.

Reasoning for the ban includes safety as well as preservation of sidewalks, curbs and rails. Given the hilly campus environment and the fact that skateboards have no brakes, a full-out ban addresses the problem at the surface. However, given the state of some students' bikes and some of the students who bike, this argument could apply to bicyclists too. Why stop at skateboards? In terms of liability, it is hard to believe that skateboarders are better lawyered-up and sue-happy than bicyclists.

One would have to be purposely turning a blind eye to argue that skateboarders cause no trouble whatsoever and they should be allowed

to skate anywhere they want. I see hotspot locations on campus where I think, "God, I hope a skateboarder isn't coming around the corner." However, the conventional logic that accepts bicycling while rejecting skateboarding — and also rollerblading, if people still do that — seems like a quick fix that requires little consideration.

There are benefits to skateboarding rather than bicycling. First, skateboards are cheaper and require less time and money to maintain. Second, they are smaller and easy to carry with you to class, thereby less likely to be stolen or damaged by drunk passer-bys than a lone bike chained to a bike rack. On the safety issue, would you rather be slammed into by a person and a bike, or just a person on a board? Finally, skateboards are typically slower than bicycles and you can hear them coming from blocks away. They are also just as easy to get off and walk in walk zones. Think the UPD officers are going to get off and walk their new motorized scooters in all of these zones?

It must be pointed out that this is not the fault of the UPD; they're doing their job, enforcing rules set forth by the university. It must be frustrating for UPD officers to have to waste their time issuing citations to skateboarders while real campus problems, like theft, go unaddressed. It is up to the administration to take a step back and be fair while encouraging responsibility and common sense.

A reasonable compromise in this situation would be heavier fines for reckless and destructive skateboarding on campus, especially in walk zones, in exchange for the allowance of skating in the same areas where students are currently permitted to bike, such as straight-aways like Via Carta. Those caught grinding rails should be issued vandalism tickets painful enough to deter them from repeating the offense. A few idiots from the '80s should not be able to ruin it for everyone else.

More often than not, blanket bans of this nature serve a self-fulfilling prophecy where, yes, less people skate on campus, but now many who do are those who obviously care little for rules, and in showing off how rebellious they are, pose more of a risk to the safety of others. It seems that when problems like these allegedly caused by skateboarders arise, the pendulum swings too far the other way; there are no micro changes in policy that would address the problem while being mindful to the entire population. I guess it just takes too much work.

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# The future of the space race

Gregory Wagner

MICHIGAN DAILY, (U. MICHIGAN)

On Apr. 12, 1961, Yuri Gagarin chiseled his name into history forever by becoming the first human to see the Earth from space. Drifting above the planet's surface in the Soviets' Vostok 1 capsule, he reflected to ground control: "The Earth is blue. How wonderful. It is amazing." Since Yuri's journey, this rare view has been passionately sought and shared by some privileged men and women.

It is Yuri's milestone in human history and the achievements of humanity in space since that time that are the subjects of Yuri's Night, a holiday and worldwide celebration of space.

What exactly is space? Space is everything. The whole universe falls within our conception of it. Our concrete minds will say that space is galaxies, stars, planets, gas and dust, but it's also a concept — a large and empty void that is marked by silent grandeur. We are stirred by images brought from the corners of the universe of strangely twisting, burning galaxies and of majestic planets, striped and ringed. Even if we only glance skyward on a clear night, we can sense the presence of the stars. Space holds mysteries that challenge us to explore. Some say that space is a blank slate where the past is of no consequence, a place where humanity can learn to live and start anew.

Space is important to us. It supports integral

components of our civilization, even if we are not aware of it: entertainment, communication, weather prediction and GPS. It allows for telescopes and observatories, the exploration of the solar system and experiments in zero-gravity, not to mention the forthcoming industries of space tourism and habitation.

But beyond the mere practical benefits, space can inspire us. The emotions we attach to space can be tapped to unite individuals and

motivate diverse groups of people. An easy example of this power was the Apollo missions. Hundreds of thousands of engineers, scientists and laborers devoted themselves to the singular purpose of delivering a human ambassador to the moon. This pursuit cost billions of dollars, led to advances in electronics and materials and persuaded a generation of children to pursue careers in science and mathematics.

Governments, of course, should continue (and in-

crease) their funding of science missions, interplanetary probes and great space observatories. But commercial space, which some say is in the midst of a new space race, shows the greatest promise to bring space to the doorstep of the ordinary citizen. In such a quest, innovation and technology will advance, too.

— Originally published in the Michigan Daily at the University Michigan.



## Automatic weapon ban would be ineffective

*An automatic weapon ban would represent a sacrifice of the constitutional rights of Americans for the problems of another nation.*

Steven Warrick

DAILY UTAH CHRONICLE (U. UTAH)

American gun control advocates are seeking to use the bloody Mexican drug war as an excuse to institute a new ban on semiautomatic assault weapons. This would be a major mistake for two reasons. First, it would represent a sacrifice of the constitutional rights of Americans for the problems of another nation. Second, a renewed semiautomatic assault weapons ban would do little to disarm the Mexican drug cartels.

The "Federal Assault Weapons Ban," which prohibited the sale of semiautomatic versions

of certain military style weapons to civilians, was part of a 1994 crime bill. Americans, however, have had

semiautomatic assault weapons for many years, including a number designed by Utah's own John M. Browning a century ago. The main thing that differentiated the banned weapons was their appearance. As many predicted, a legislatively mandated post-AWB study found that the ban had no discernible effect on crime rates.

Notwithstanding the ban's ineffectiveness, gun control advocates have been trying to bring the AWB back ever since its expiration in 2004. So far, they have failed, but Mexico's drug war has given them a new rationale to justify reviving the AWB.

The conflict in Mexico between the cartels for control of access to the lucrative American drug market has been truly horrific. According to Mexican journalist Maria de la Luz Gonzalez, some 10,475 people died in this conflict from December 2006, when Mexican President Felipe Calderón took office, through March 2009.

Many, including Calderón, the American media and gun control advocates, have attempted to lay part of the blame on American gun laws. Mexico has some of the strictest gun control laws on earth, yet a large number of weapons are smuggled in from other places, including the United States, where firearms ownership is protected by the Second Amendment.

At a news conference on Feb. 25, 2009, Attorney General Eric Holder responded to a reporter's question with, "Well, as President Obama in-

dicted during the campaign, there are just a few gun-related changes that we would like to make, and among them would be to reinstitute the ban on the sale of assault weapons. I think that will have a positive impact in Mexico, at a minimum."

Holder's statement was met with a hail of criticism, including remarks from Utah Reps. Jim Matheson and Rob Bishop, who are members of a task force on gun rights. Other antigun politicians like Hillary Clinton and Sen. John Kerry have persisted on this track, despite the criticism Holder endured.

Terrible as the situation in Mexico is, Americans should not have to surrender their constitutional rights. People like Joseph Stalin have proven that it is possible to drastically reduce crime with sufficiently draconian measures. We could largely eliminate our drug problem by giving the police the authority to order drug tests of anybody, without probable cause and sentence all those found to be in violation to 30 years of solitary confinement. But this is not the kind of society most Americans would want to live in. Each sovereign nation decides for itself what balance of liberty and order it wants to live with.

Mexico abolished the death penalty Dec. 9, 2005, which might have played a role in the nation's increase in crime. Americans have decided the right to self-defense, enshrined in the Second Amendment, is important enough to risk the possibility that criminals might have easier access to guns.

At the same time, a new AWB in the United States would do little, if anything, to deprive the cartels of weapons. There have been, for example, some 100 million AK 47-type rifles made, and they are still in production, including at a new factory in Venezuela. These are widely available throughout the world, as are some of the other items the cartels use, such as grenades and antitank weapons (which are not available on the American civilian market). The cartels have the means to smuggle weapons in and some international arms merchants, like pizza parlors, will deliver if the order is large enough.

A new AWB in the United States will have about as much effect on drug violence in Mexico as stopping beer sales in one store will have on fraternity drinking.

— Originally published in the Daily Utah Chronicle at the University of Utah.

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## Sperm

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Evans' attorney Mark Mueller said no one opposed the plan.

An Austin urologist volunteered her services and collected testicular tissue from the body Wednesday night. Missy Evans said she's been told much of the sperm is viable and is making plans for it to be stored.

Decisions such as Evans' must be made quickly, and allow little time for a grieving person to reflect on the choice, one ethicist said.

Using the sperm brings up more issues.

"That child's biological father

will be dead. The mother may be an egg donor, anonymous or gestational surrogate," said Tom Mayo, director of Southern Methodist University's Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility.

"This is a tough way for a kid to come into the world. As the details emerge and the child learns more about their origins, I just wonder what the impact will be on a replacement child," Mayo said.

He said the desire to replace a deceased child is a classic scenario that, in this case, took a nontraditional turn.

"The underlying desire would be very strong, even if she wouldn't describe it that way," he said.

Art Caplan, chair of the department of medical ethics at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, said that in the past decade there have probably been about 1,000 such requests by spouses, mothers, girlfriends and others in the U.S. — but most "don't wind up using it."

Caplan said hospitals may have protocols for dealing with such requests, but there are few laws or regulations regarding the practice. It's usually up to a urologist to decide whether to perform the procedure, he said.

It would be rare for a child to be born from sperm retrieved from a dead person, said Melissa Brisman, an attorney on the American Fertility Association's legal advisory council.

"This is an unexpected death in which there are tons of emotions and you don't even know if you want to do it," she said.



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In this photo provided on April 6, 2009 by the Texas Department of Public Safety via the Austin American Statesman, Nikolas Colton Evans is shown. Evans, 21, died Sunday April 5, 2009 at a Brackenridge Hospital after being punched and falling outside an Austin bar March 27. A judge has granted a mother's request to have someone harvest sperm from her dead son's body, so she can have the option of carrying out his wish to have children.

Mark Vopat, a professor of philosophy and religious studies at Youngstown State University in Ohio, questions whether the court should have granted the mother's request. He said that while Nikolas Evans may have told his mother he wanted children someday, it's wrong to assume he also would have wanted to father a child posthumously if he died prematurely.

"This is a disturbing sort of case," he said.

Missy Evans said she is unsure when she'll be ready to seek a surrogate to carry her son's child. But she added that she has no second thoughts about the plan.

"This is probably going to bankrupt me and I will do whatever I can to make it happen," she said.

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## Green-collar

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ciency technicians. Most new students are middle-aged men who recently lost jobs in the auto industry, which makes them eligible for a state program that provides \$10,000 to unemployed workers for training.

"They see the field of alternative energy as the industry that's going to pick up where the automotive industry left off," said David Wilson, who

coordinates the alternative energy program.

In Silicon Valley, community colleges have teamed up with the solar energy industry to train workers how to install rooftop systems.

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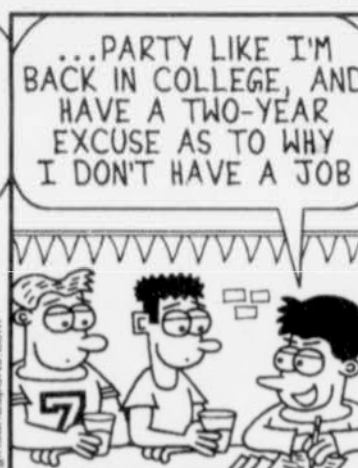
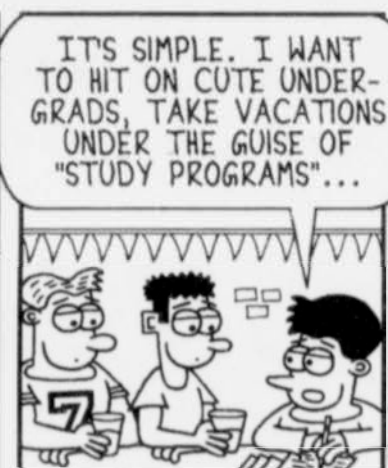
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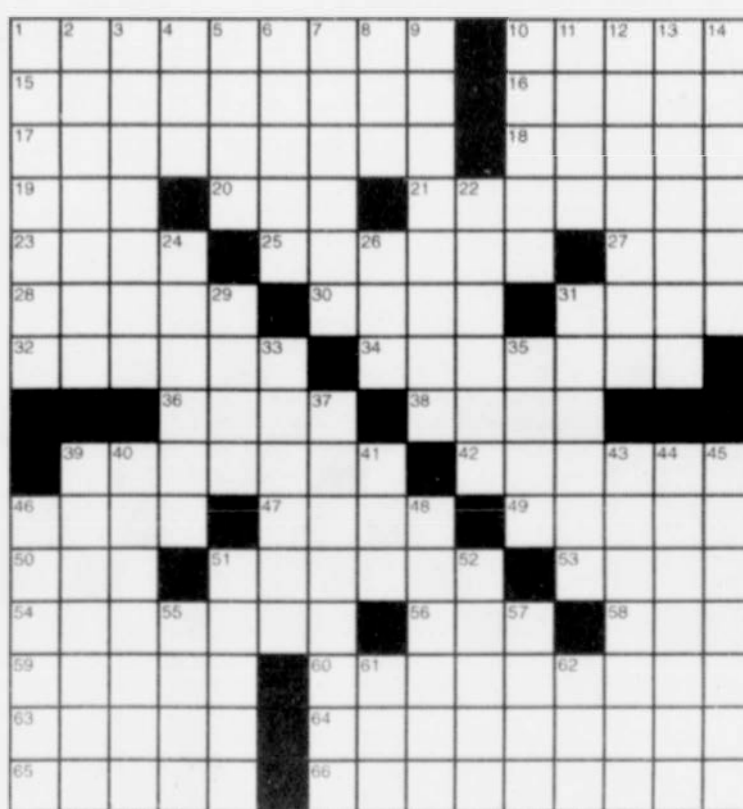
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  - 15 Flawlessly crafted
  - 16 Less well-looking
  - 17 They're produced in great quantities by supernovas
  - 18 Mosaic work
  - 19 Honorific that's Sanskrit for "majesty"
  - 20 O, say
  - 21 Light haulers
  - 23 8 for O, say
  - 25 "Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair" writer
  - 27 "Silent Spring" subject
  - 28 "Like Niobe, all \_\_\_\_": Hamlet
  - 30 It may concern arms or contain legs
  - 31 Supportive side
  - 32 Old bombs
  - 34 \_\_\_\_-cat
  - 36 Finno-Ugric tongue
  - 38 \_\_\_\_ de la Société
  - 39 Isabella's home
  - 42 Pittdown man locale
  - 46 Make fun of
  - 47 100 cents, in East London
  - 49 Dish cooked in seasoned broth
  - 50 Extraction target
  - 51 Wildcats and Cougars play in it
  - 53 Pro \_\_\_\_
  - 54 "Sartor Resartus" essayist Thomas
  - 56 Payoff
  - 58 1951 A.L. strikeout leader
  - 59 Become part of history
  - 60 It's open to debate
  - 63 Start to prepare, as 49-Across
  - 64 Italian meal starter
  - 65 A lot of assessments?
  - 66 Saloonkeeper of note
- Down**
- 1 Having feeling
  - 2 Brought to bear
  - 3 "Summa Contra Gentiles" theologian
  - 4 Tag cry
  - 5 Tofu
  - 6 See 9-Down
  - 7 It may be fired back at someone
  - 8 Chiwere dialect
  - 9 He demonstrated that what Columbus had discovered was not 6-Down
  - 10 Virgo's alpha star
  - 11 Bit of hair
  - 12 Referred
  - 13 March preceder, periodically
  - 14 Couples might set them up
  - 22 They can't get any better
  - 24 Ominous words
  - 26 \_\_\_\_ the Destroyer (rabble-rouser in Ralph Ellison's "Invisible Man")
  - 29 Strip on a bed

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- 44 Deplete
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- 46 Sportive
- 48 He joined Pizarro in the conquest of the Inca Empire
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Dina Cappiello

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"Don't let the bedbugs bite."

Doesn't seem so bad in a cheerful bedtime rhyme, but it's becoming a really big problem now that the nasty critters are invading hospitals, college dorms and even swanky hotels.

With the most effective pesticides banned, the government is trying to figure out how to respond to the biggest bedbug outbreak since World War II.

Bedbugs live in the crevices and folds of mattresses, sofas and sheets. Then, most often before dawn, they emerge to feed on human blood.

Faced with rising numbers of complaints to city information lines and increasingly frustrated landlords, hotel chains and housing authorities, the Environmental Protection Agency hosted its first-ever bedbug summit Tuesday.

Organized by one of the agency's

advisory committees, the two-day conference drew about 300 participants to a hotel in Arlington, just across the Potomac River from Washington. An Internet site notes that the hotel in question has had no reports of bedbugs.

One of the problems with controlling the reddish-brown insects, according to researchers and the pest control industry, is that there are few chemicals on the market approved for use on mattresses and other household items that are effective at controlling bedbug infestations.

Unlike roaches and ants, bedbugs are blood feeders and can't be lured by bait. It's also difficult for pesticides to reach them in every crack and crevice they hide out in.

"It is a question of reaching them, finding them," said Harold Harlan, an entomologist who has been raising bedbugs for 36 years, feeding them with his own blood. He has the bites to prove it.

The EPA, out of concern for the environment and the effects on pub-

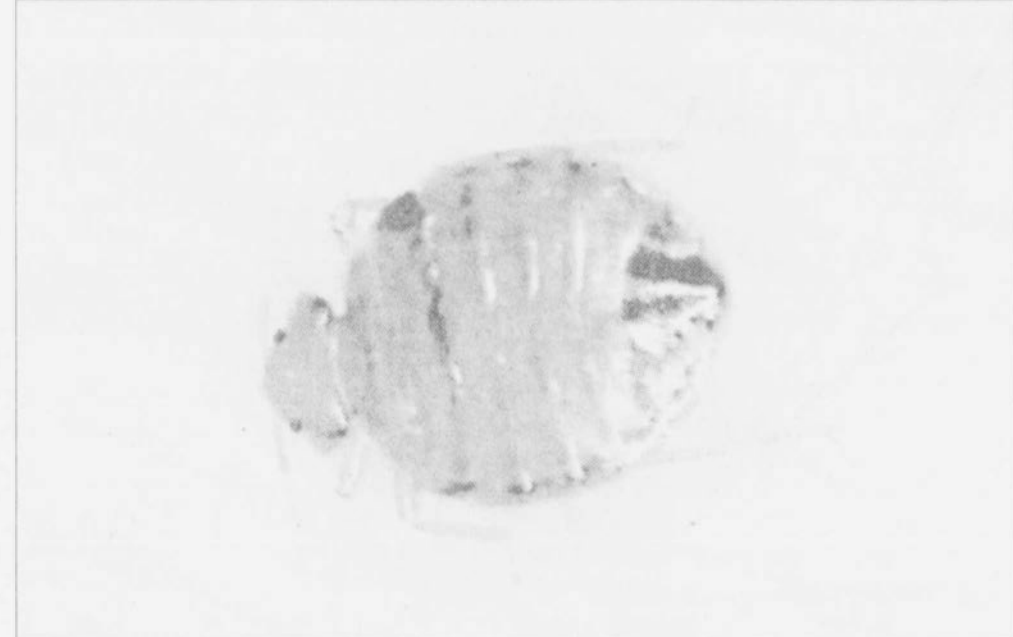
lic health, has pulled many of the chemicals that were most effective in eradicating the bugs in the U.S. At the same time, the appleseed-sized critters have developed a pesticide resistance because those chemicals are still in use in other countries.

Increasing international travel has also helped them to hitchhike into the U.S.

"One of our roles would be to learn of new products or safer products. ...What we are concerned about is that if people take things into their own hands and start using pesticides on their mattresses that aren't really registered for that, that's a problem," said Lois Rossi, director of the registration division in the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs.

The EPA is not alone in trying to deal with the problem. An aide to Rep. G.K. Butterfield, D-N.C., says the congressman plans to reintroduce legislation next week to expand grant programs to help public housing authorities cope with infestations.

The bill will be called the "Don't



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This undated handout photo provided by the National Pest Management Association show a bed bug in Gainesville, Fla. The federal government is waking up to what has become a growing nightmare in many parts of the country, a bed bug outbreak.

Let the Bedbugs Bite Act."

"It was clear something needed to be done," said Saul Hernandez, Butterfield's legislative assistant.

Bedbugs are not known to transmit any diseases. But their bites can cause infections and allergic reactions in some people.

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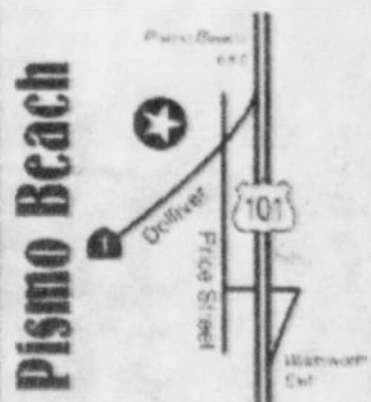
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## Imagen Y Espiritu tells heritage through moves



Jennifer Titcomb  
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As the music sounds and the footwork begins, Imagen Y Espiritu Ballet Folklórico de Cal Poly is not just performing a dance, expressing the folklore of a multitude of Mexican cultures.

The club, which consists of about 15 members, learns about a specific Mexican state each quarter. They focus on the history, customs and traditions and wear elaborate costumes from states such as Jalisco, Nayarit, Guerrero and Tamaulipas.

Cal Poly alumna Silvia Aldana formed the group in 1990 and now instructs the club practices, teaching choreography for performances.

Three practices a week can be time consuming, but for architecture freshman Angela



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Cal Poly's Imagen Y Espiritu performs as part of a traditional Mexican dance group.

Varela, dance has become a stress reliever. "I have a full day of class and at night time I just go to practice and have fun," she said.

Wine and viticulture freshman Maria Sotelo said that dance practice is a good workout too. "After practice we are always dead tired but it's fun. We all just interact with each other and all just have a good time."

The appeal of the club, members said, comes from similar ethnicities being able to gather together and learn about their heritage while attending a predominately white university. When industrial technology sophomore and club vice president Henry Castillo arrived on campus, he didn't see many other Hispanics.

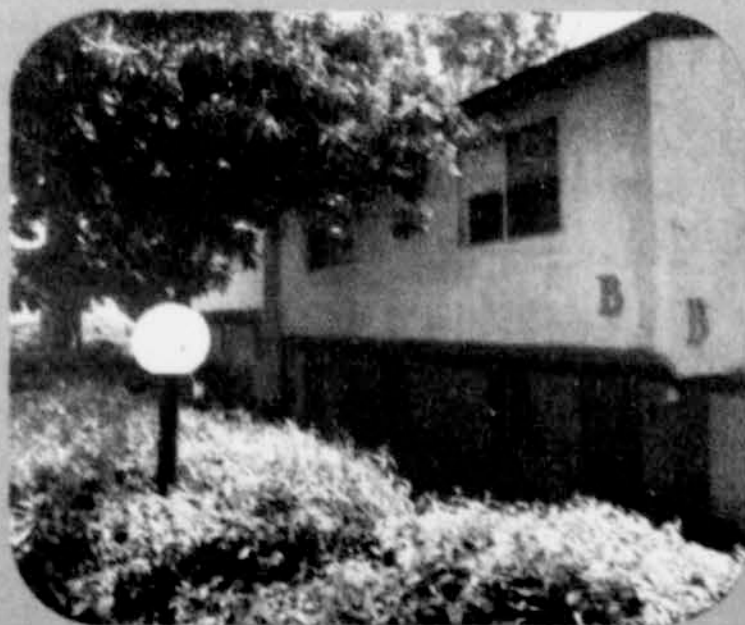
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## Red Wanting Blue frontman talks staying indie, 'circuiting'

Chevonne Harris  
THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGIAN (U. TOLEDO)

When you don't have the backing of a major record label, taking a break isn't an option, at least if you want to make money. After 10 long years of touring the country, Red Wanting Blue is still keeping its wheels in motion. The Columbus, Ohio-based rock band continues to log seemingly never-ending miles as they promote their latest album, "These Magnificent Miles." On Saturday, the band's self-described "mini tour bus" will roll into Toledo when they perform at Frankie's.

With 10 years worth of mileage under their belt, RWB frontman Scott Terry said the band no longer tours, but "circuits."

"Touring is kind of a bad word

for what we do," Terry said. "Being an independent band, we are forced to tour because the road is the only way we make money. Tours have a beginning and an end, and we don't ever stop, so it's probably more accurate to say circuiting."

With so much of their time spent on the road performing, it's no surprise that RWB has been able to connect with their fans on a very personal level. Because much of the group's livelihood is dependent on their grassroots fan base, Terry said it is essential the band maintain strong ties with their fans. RWB fans are so loyal that according to Terry, many of the fans have branded themselves with the RWB logo by getting tattoos.

"We have incredibly loyal and

passionate fans, and people drive great distances to find us," Terry said. "Because we are an independent band, the fans are what keep us alive. If people stopped showing up at our shows, we couldn't afford to survive. We have a mutual co-existence with our fans, and we could not survive without each other."

To keep that "passion" alive with their fans, Terry said the band prefers to perform at smaller venues with intimate settings. Frankie's, where the band will be performing on Saturday, holds a crowd of 100.

"In my life, the best shows I've seen were all very intimate," he said. "One of the things people find very endearing about our

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## Day 26 barely makes the cut with latest album

Chevonne Harris  
THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGIAN (U. TOLEDO)

After two failed acts, P. Diddy is rolling the "Making the Band" dice again with "Forever in a Day," the sophomore release from Day 26, the only "Making the Band" group still intact. With 90 percent of this season's "Making the Band," consisting of fights and screaming matches between the guys, it's easy to forget the five-man R&B group is actually a legitimate singing group. While the new album is a step up from the band's first, in an industry where originality and innovation are key to mainstream success, "Forever in a Day" may get lost in the crowd.

The album begins with the high-energy track "Just Getting Started" and keeps the momentum going with the album's current single, "Imma Put It On Her," which sounds strangely similar to Usher's last hit, "Love in this Club." I can't quite put my finger on it, but for some reason this track is one of the most annoying songs I've ever heard, yet I can't stop singing it whenever it plays. It has a strong beat, and the pipe organ chords add a nice effect, and, as annoying and superficial as they are, the lyrics are infectious and have the sing-a-long factor. Yung Joc and P. Diddy, who are featured on the track, add a nice touch as well.

While T-Pain is not one of my favorite vocalists, his track record is undeniable and he does have a knack for penning hits, especially when he's featured on a song. For some reason, T-Pain is highly underutilized on the up-tempo track "Shawty Wat's Up," which is unfortunate because the song has the potential to be a hit, but just needed to be taken to the next level. Here's some words of wisdom for Day 26: when you have one of the biggest hitmakers in the industry on a track, use him! With P. Diddy's album, "Last Train to Paris" being released later this year, maybe the mogul didn't want his artists to have too good of a song.

After three dance tracks, the album takes a break as the guys fall into their comfort zone, the ballads. "Bipolar" is definitely a stand-out track and vocally, Brian and Robert are at their best. The song tells the story of the guys' infatuation with a girl who has them all going "crazy." The harmonies are impressive and are something Day 26 should highlight more because it's one of their strong points.

On the slow tracks, fans are reminded of how talented the guys are vocally. They seem to take more risks vocally on the ballads, and you'll be reminded how refreshing it is to hear a quality R&B group.

But after six ballads in a row, they become slightly monotonous and the album should have been broken up with a more balanced mix of up-tempo and slow tracks.

Vocally, it's tough to pick a favorite or a standout on the album. Will and Brian clearly got the long



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upper hand when it came to singing leads and Robert and Mike kind of float in and out of every song. Fans of "Making the Band" know that 20-year-old Que has been having some emotional problems this season (what those problems are have yet to be revealed). Sadly, Que's on-air temper tantrums didn't pay off because he's only on a few songs, which is a shame because when he sings, the soft tenor commands attention.

With production by Jermaine Dupri, Brian-Michael Cox, Diddy and Mario Winans, the album is decent, productionwise.

After the string of sob stories, the album picks back up. "Need That," featuring Dupri, is one of the strongest songs on the album. With only a guitar and a chain effect, the song isn't cluttered and has a refreshing, clean feel.


Hands down, "Your Heels," an up-tempo, catchy anthem for stiletto lovers, is the best song on the album. Hopefully this will be a single because it could definitely be a summer favorite. From the harmonies to the production, courtesy of Jazzy Pha, this reviewer has no complaints with this song.


While "Forever in a Day" is a decent album, the band needs to take more risks creatively. The problem is this isn't a bad album, but it's not a great album, either. With sales in the record industry at an all-time low, artists can't afford to produce OK music if they want to maintain longevity. To be successful in today's industry, originality is a must and "Forever in a Day" doesn't give Day 26 a signature sound. The album is Top 10 worthy and most likely will debut at No. 1, but don't expect to see any of the singles reaching Billboard's "Hot 100" anytime soon.

Critic's Conclusion:

Remember the R&B teen sensations B2K? Well, "Forever in a Day" sounds like what B2K could have been if they stayed together. Vocally, Day 26 is one of the most talented R&B groups to hit the scene in a while. They're a throw-back to '90s R&B when male R&B groups were at their peak.

Although "Forever in a Day" could have been a lot better, it is a step up from the group's first album and the band shows signs of artistic progress. Hopefully the guys won't fall victim to the "Making the Band" curse because, with a little time and more creative risks, the group has the potential to do some great things with music.





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## Imagen

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"In our Mexican culture it is more family-oriented, so everyone looks for something that they have in common and I found them," Castillo said of the group's members.

Before joining the club, Castillo had never danced and said she was very nervous about the prospect. He soon realized the members were friendly and willing to take it slow for the new dancers.

Sotelo also joined without experience.

"It was something I always wanted to do just never got the opportunity," she said.

The club will perform during Open House weekend on the Dexter Lawn stage. In preparation, training was kicked up a notch.

"All we do is practice over and over," Varela said.

"We work on skirt work and foot work," Sotelo added.

The spotlighted Mexican state

the club is yet to be determined.

It will be between Tamaulipas, which is the region we learned in fall quarter, or Jalisco, which we are learning now," Castillo said, adding it could be a blend of both.

The club will have a booth at Open House with information on the club, as well as Tamales for sale.

Aside from Open House, Imagen Y Espiritu, has another big performance coming up. Mexico de Noche is the climax of what the club has been working toward all year said Sotelo.

At Mexico de Noche, Imagen Y Espiritu will perform four dances from each state. The dances will come from Tamaulipas, Jalisco and Guerrero. The club has invited other high schools and colleges to perform for a total of five or six different states. This year California State University Long Beach has been invited as well a school from Salinas.

Mexico de Noche will be held at 7 p.m. on May 30 at Spanos Theatre.

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## Wednesday, May 6th Another Type of Groove:

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## Monday, May 11th Mahjong Tournament

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band is we're honest performers. We're not the type of band that comes with laser lights and pyrotechnics — we're a rock 'n' roll band, and we perform as honestly as we know how. If we were offered to play larger venues, we would do our best to put on as great a show as we know how, but I think something gets lost when you're performing in a room with thousands of people."

While the guys still consider themselves a rock band, Terry admitted the band's sound has calmed over the years, thanks mostly in part to their years spent on the road.

"When you first start being in a band, you like the idea of being in a band," he said. "After 10 years of being on the road, this is what we know and what we write about. We write about the struggles we face in our travels and strained re-

lationships as a result of what we're doing.

"When we first started out, we wanted to rebel against all things country and Americana, and now our sound has gone from modern rock to Americana rock 'n' roll, and I couldn't be happier. I think we definitely found our niche."

Since "These Magnificent Miles" was released in September of 2008, Terry said the CD has sold an estimated 20,000 units. While the CD can be purchased online, it's mainly sold at the band's performances.

With their entire career spent as an indie band, it's easy to see RWB as the poster-child for indie artists, something Terry said is not necessarily true. In the past, the band has been referred to as one of "Ohio's best kept secrets" and one magazine called them "the best underground independent rock band in the country." Although Terry said he enjoys the freedom of being in an independent band, he also

recognized the challenges and responsibilities that come with self-promotion.

"It's a double-edged sword," he said. "I love the fact that we're independent because we're in control and we do what we want to do and write music the way we want to write. At the same time, the resources that a major label has like financial backing and getting more exposure are the keys to the kingdom."

As they continue traveling the Midwest promoting their album, the band is also working on material for their next album and are in the midst of filming a documentary about their career. For Saturday's show, Terry said fans expect what they've always gotten from RWB, an honest, entertaining show.

"We don't carry a lot of fluff and frills that a lot of the national bands carry," he said. "We come in and play and try to leave as much sweat and love for what we do on the stage."



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## Concert pays tribute to Marian Anderson



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In this April 1939 file photo, contralto singer Marian Anderson performs on the steps of Washington's Lincoln Memorial on Easter Sunday after she had been refused permission to perform in Washington's Constitution Hall by the hall's owners, the Daughters of the American Revolution. The 70th anniversary of her performance will be marked by a series of events at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

Natasha T. Metzler

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WASHINGTON — More than 2,000 people gathered Sunday at the Lincoln Memorial for a concert honoring the 70th anniversary of Marian Anderson's historic performance there in 1939.

Because of the color of her skin, Anderson was denied the opportunity to perform at nearby Constitution Hall and local high school. So, instead, the opera singer sang on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in April 1939 to a 75,000-person crowd of blacks and whites standing together.

In the Sunday afternoon sunshine, African-American opera star Denyce Graves performed three of the same songs Anderson sang 70 years ago: "America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)," "O, Mio Fernando" and "Ave Maria."

Wearing one of Anderson's old dresses, Graves called her predecessor "one of my greatest heroes."

"It is the honor of my life and my career to be celebrating this day of freedom with you," she told the audience.

She joked that when she looked over Anderson's performance list and saw "O, Mio Fernando" she thought, "My God, she sang that song; that's really hard."

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell recited excerpts from President Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address. Afterward, he remarked on Lincoln's famous call to heal the nation's wounds after the Civil War, "with malice toward none, with charity for all," telling the audience they should aspire to those words.

The Chicago Children's Choir, women's a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock and the U.S. Marine Band also performed at the concert.

Introducing a number called "Would You Harbor Me," a member of Sweet Honey in the Rock said the song was "written because this country has been a harborer to so many, but at the same time it has rejected so many."

Those words highlight Ander-

son's own story. She grew up in poverty in South Philadelphia, but became famous in the 1930s, performing for royalty and in major concert halls in Europe, New York and Philadelphia.

When her manager tried to book Anderson at Constitution Hall, the largest venue in segregated Washington at the time, she was rejected by the Daughters of the American Revolution, which owned the hall and prohibited African-Americans from performing there. The district's school board also turned her away from singing at a school's auditorium.

"To me, it's just very dramatic," said Josephine Pesaresi, 75, the daughter of Justice Hugo Black, who attended the 1939 event. "People are younger, they don't realize what huge things have happened and how far we have come. It makes me weep, I'm so happy."

Pesaresi, who sat near the stage at Sunday's concert, said in an interview Saturday that the anniversary made her recall how her father had grown in his racial outlook. Black, once a member of the Ku Klux Klan, later joined an unanimous Supreme Court in outlawing segregation in public schools in 1954 and often voted with the court's liberal wing on civil rights cases.

"He and my mother went to that concert, because he so firmly believed in equality," she said.

Sunday was a time to reflect "where we were then, where we are now, and how far we have to go," said Raymond Arsenault, who has written a book on Anderson's concert and has consulted with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. The commission and the National Park Service are sponsoring the event.

According to Arsenault, the 1939 event wasn't just a concert. "It was this sort of crack in the mold; it just showed people this alternative vision of what America might be like if it lived up to its goals of liberty."

Seventy-year anniversaries cer-

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LOS ANGELES — Rock music producer Phil Spector was convicted Monday of second-degree murder in the shooting death of a film actress at his mansion six years ago.

A Superior Court jury returned the verdict after about 30 hours of deliberations. The jury had the option of choosing involuntary manslaughter, but did not do so.

The panel also found Spector guilty of using a firearm in committing a crime.

Spector exhibited no reaction to the verdict. His attorney argued that he should remain free on bail pending the May 29 sentencing, but Judge Larry Paul Fidler remanded him to jail immediately.

Second-degree murder carries a penalty of 15 years to life in prison, and the firearm charge carries up to three years in prison.

Spector's young wife, Rachelle, sobbed as the decision was announced. It was Spector's second trial. The first jury deadlocked 10-2, favoring conviction in 2007.

The 40-year-old Lana Clarkson, star of the 1985 cult film "Barbarian Queen," died of a gunshot fired in her mouth as she sat in the foyer of Spector's mansion in 2003. She met Spector only hours earlier at her job as a nightclub hostess.

Prosecutors argued Spector had a history of threatening women with guns when they tried to leave his presence. The defense claimed she killed herself.

The murder case was a flash from Hollywood's distant past, a reminder of the 1960s when Spector reigned as the hitmaker supreme with such songs as the Righteous Brothers' "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'" and the Ronettes' classic, "Be My Baby."

Spector, 69, who had long lived in seclusion at his suburban Alhambra "castle," was out on the town in Hollywood when he met Clarkson on Feb. 3, 2003, at the House of Blues. The tall, blonde actress recently turned 40 and unable to find acting work, had taken a job as a hostess. When the club closed in the wee hours, she accepted a chauffeured ride to Spector's home for a drink. Three hours later, she was dead.

Spector's chauffeur, the key witness, said he heard a gunshot, then saw Spector emerge holding a gun and heard him say: "I think I killed somebody."

Defense attorney Doron Weinberg disputed whether the chauffeur remembered the words accurately. In closing arguments, Weinberg listed 14 points of forensic evidence including blood spatter, gunshot residue and DNA, which he said were proof of a self-inflicted wound.

"It's very difficult to put a gun

in somebody's mouth," he said.

"Every single fact says this is a self-inflicted gunshot wound," Weinberg argued. "How do you ignore it? How do you say this could have been a homicide?"

But prosecutors portrayed Spector as a dangerous man who became a "demonic maniac" when he drank and had a history of threatening women with guns. They also contended blood spatter evidence proved that Clarkson could not have shot herself.

As in the first trial, they presented testimony from five women who told of being threatened

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Music producer Phil Spector, left, and his wife Rachelle Spector arrive at Los Angeles County Superior Court Monday in downtown Los Angeles, to hear the verdict in his murder retrial. Phil Spector was

convicted of second-degree murder in the shooting death of actress Lana Clarkson at his mansion six years ago.

A Los Angeles Superior Court jury returned the verdict Monday after an estimated 30 hours of deliberations.



by a drunken Spector, even held hostage in his home, with a gun pointed at them and threats of death if they tried to leave. The parallels with the night Clarkson died were chilling even if the stories were very old — 31 years in one instance.

Clarkson's mother and sister sat through both trials and Spector's young wife, Rachelle, sat across the courtroom from them.

Prosecutors, haunted by the acquittals of stars such as O.J. Simpson, Robert Blake and Michael Jackson, at first seemed invested in making Spector the first star to be convicted in a major criminal case. But after the first trial ended in a deadlock, public interest faded. The second six-month trial was played out in a sparsely populated courtroom with few members of the media present.

During jury selection, only a few panelists remembered Spector's heyday as the inventor of the "Wall of Sound" recording technique and producer of teen anthems including, "To Know Him is to Love Him," The Crystals' "Da Doo Ron Ron" and "He's a Rebel" and Ike and Tina Turner's "River Deep-Mountain High." He also worked on a Beatles album with John Lennon.

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The anniversary performance also occurs within the first 100 days of Barack Obama's presidency.

Following the hour-long performance about 200 people were sworn in as U.S. citizens, symbolizing the rights all Americans are guaranteed.

Before the swearing in, Powell talked about his parents' immigration to the United States from Jamaica.

"It wasn't a perfect place, as we have witnessed here with this celebration," he said. "But it was a place that just kept getting better and better and better."

—Associated Press Writer Christine Simmons contributed to this report.

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# Guess jeans co-founder to run for Calif. governor

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SACRAMENTO — Georges Marciano, a co-founder of the Guess clothing empire, is the latest person seeking to become governor of California.

The one-time fashion magnate's paperwork was recorded on Monday with the secretary of state's office, allowing him to run as an independent in 2010, when Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is termed out.

The 62-year-old Beverly Hills resident plans to campaign on a platform that focuses on exposing and eliminating political corruption and putting "the power of government back in the people's hands," said his publicist, Rod Harrell.

"He doesn't really want to be tied into the same old good-old-boys network," Harrell said.

He said Marciano plans a formal

campaign launch soon and was not available for an interview.

Marciano helped found Guess in 1982, five years after he and his three brothers moved to the U.S. from France. Guess introduced stonewashed jeans in the United States and made a splash in the fashion world with its unique three-zipper style.

The brothers bought out Georges' share in the Los Angeles-based company for \$240 million in 1993 and took Guess public in 1996.

Harrell said Marciano is now a real estate investor who has dealt with the California Department of Justice and state Franchise Tax Board as part of his business.

He was last in the news in 2007, when he bought what then was the largest top-quality, brilliant-cut white diamond ever to appear at auction. The 84.37-carat diamond sold for just under \$16.2 million.

Marciano named the diamond

"Chloe" after his daughter.

He joins a gubernatorial field that includes 21 other candidates who have registered with the secretary of state's office.

Among the Democrats considering a run are attorney general and former governor Jerry Brown, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and Lt. Gov. John Garamendi. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa also is considered a possible contender.

On the Republican side, two wealthy former Silicon Valley executives, Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner and former eBay

chief executive Meg Whitman, are competing with former Rep. Tom Campbell for their party's nomination.

Marciano registered to vote as a Democrat in Los Angeles County in 1992, but re-registered as a decline-to-state voter before last year's presidential election, according to the county registrar-recorder's office.

County records indicate he has never cast a vote, spokeswoman Marcia Ventura said.

Even with his deep pockets, Marciano faces long-shot odds as an independent candidate.

Quentin Kopp, a former San Francisco supervisor, was the last independent to win a major race in California when he defeated Democrat Lou Papan in 1986 for a seat in the state Senate.

Wealth gives third party candidates an edge when it comes to getting their names on the ballot, but only the very wealthy have a real shot at winning elections,

said Jack Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College in Southern California.

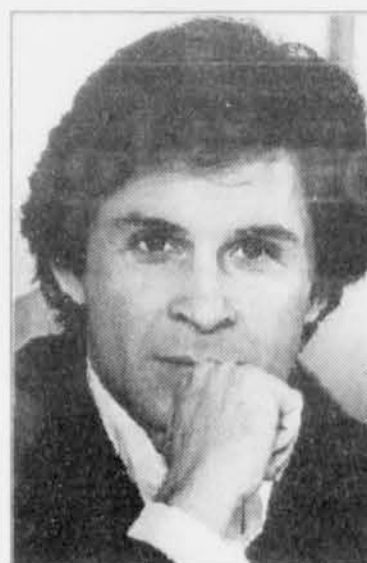
"California is so vast that you need to be in the very top tier of rich people in order to self-finance a statewide campaign," he said.

Pitney speculated that anyone with a net worth of under \$100 million would need to seek donations, which isn't always easy when you're rich.

"It's hard to say, 'I'm really rich but not quite rich enough.' That's not going to appeal to a lot of donors," he said.

Harrell said Marciano has donated to candidates from both parties, although he is not listed as a donor to any California candidates on the secretary of state's Web site.

His brother, current Guess chairman Maurice Marciano, has pumped hundreds of thousands of dollars into campaigns over the last few years. In 2008, he gave \$85,000 to California Voters First, the committee that supported Schwarzenegger's successful redistricting initiative on the November ballot, and \$50,000 to Schwarzenegger's campaign committee, the California Dream Team. He also gave \$1,000 to Villaraigosa's mayoral re-election campaign.



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# Cal Poly stunt team brings it to national stage

Zach Lantz

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At Cal Poly there are athletes that dedicate themselves by waking up at 6 a.m. every day.

The Cal Poly stunt team cheers on those athletes, willing their own bodies to be as graceful as those they cheer for.

With more practices and games during the week than they care to count, the team does it for one reason alone: The love of cheering.

The women aren't on scholarship and they don't get priority registration like the other athletes.

The team works as often as many of the official campus sports teams and shows up at most sporting events to cheer on the Mustangs — earning nothing but applause in the process.

"Cheerleading takes up a lot of your time," said agricultural business junior Chantal Burns. "It does take away from school, so it is hard."

The cheer season starts in May with tryouts and then moves to double-days during the summer. After that they come fresh off from 10-hour days at cheer camp to football season, which includes travel-

ing to all the in-state away games.

"For breaks we're here a lot of Thanksgiving and a lot of Christmas," said liberal studies sophomore Lauren Mullarkey.

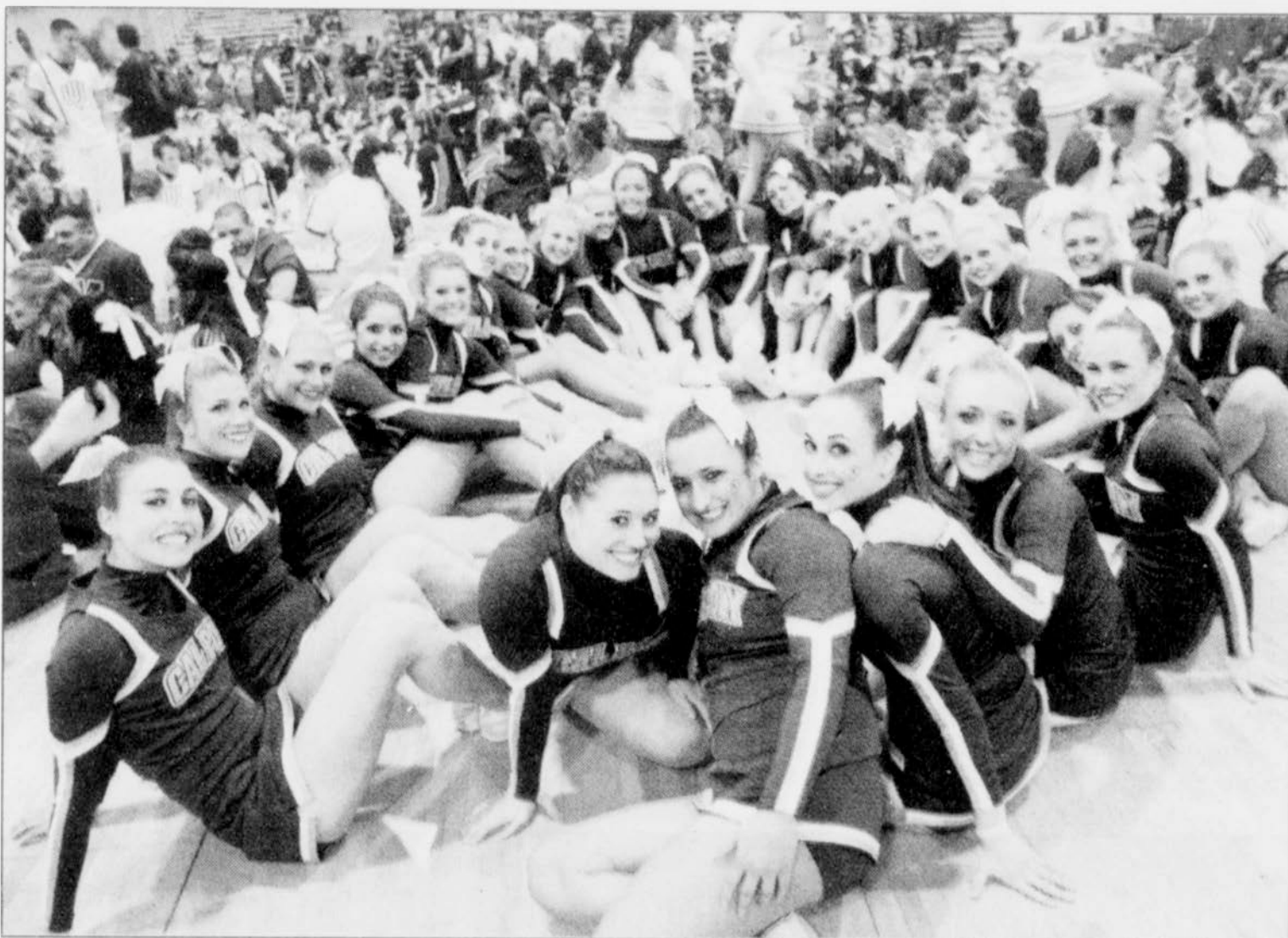
That doesn't begin to articulate the amount of work they do for the month of November when football and basketball season overlap. After basketball season it's all hands on deck for the national competition, including double-days all through spring break.

"You can never go home, not even on weekends," said architecture freshman Emilee Tappen.

The fifteenth annual United Spirit Association (U.S.A.) Collegiate Cheerleading and

Dance Nationals took place in Anaheim March 29 and 30, and among the competitors were some of the most prestigious cheer squads from the West Coast.

The competition is made up of schools such as San Diego State and Azusa Pacific, who both have cheerleaders on scholarship. Cal



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The team gathers for a photo during the United Spirit Association Collegiate Cheerleading and Dance Nationals.

Poly had a team in the all-women show cheer four-year college division and also some women double in the group stunt college division.

"This is the one really big event that we get to do," Burns said.

"Usually I don't get nervous for competition and I think it's just because I cared so much, because we worked so hard."

With half the teams competing in the two-day event getting cut

on the first day, the goal of a team is to survive the first day and make it to the finals. Both the cheer and stunt team passed through the first

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## Cheer

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day with the stunt group posting the highest score in their division. Both teams found themselves poised to perform one last routine in the finals.

"You have one shot to perform what you have been working on all year," said political science sophomore Kiyana Tabrizi. "It's really nerve-wracking."

After performing a two and half minute routine in the finals all that was left was the awards ceremony.

"They called sixth, they called fifth, they called fourth, and they hadn't called us," Tabrizi said. "I was really not expecting that."

In the show cheer division the team had performed well enough to take third place, their highest finish ever. The high finish in the cheer division was accompanied by a victory in the stunt competition.

"Last year we took fourth place (in the cheer division) and our goal

was to do better. They worked really hard for it," said head coach Annette Laron-Pickett. "For stunt group they got second place (last year) and they worked really hard for the national championship.

**You have one shot to perform what you have been working on all year. It's really nerve-wracking.**

—Kiyana Tabrizi  
Cal Poly stunt team

which they got."

The goal of a national cham-

pionship was on the team's minds since the beginning of the year. "If you win you get a national championship backpack," said nutrition senior Becky Terry. "At the end of practice we'd break (the huddle) on backpacks. It's what we talked about every single practice."

For each cheerleader, nationals represented the culmination of hard work and team unity.

"(My family) tells me daily to quit. Every day they ask 'why do you do it?'" said Tabrizi. "Honestly, it's for my girls, it's for my team it's for my coach."

Despite the grueling, time-consuming schedule each team member will quickly tell you how the benefits greatly outweigh the costs. In fact the team is so close-knit that they refer to their coach as 'grandma' and their lone senior as 'mom.'

"Every year I say I should probably get a job and move on with my life but I come back every year," Burns said. "(The) memories will last forever and I'll know that I was a part of something great throughout my college years."



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The team poses with their awards after the competition. The team took third in the cheer competition and first in the stunt competition.

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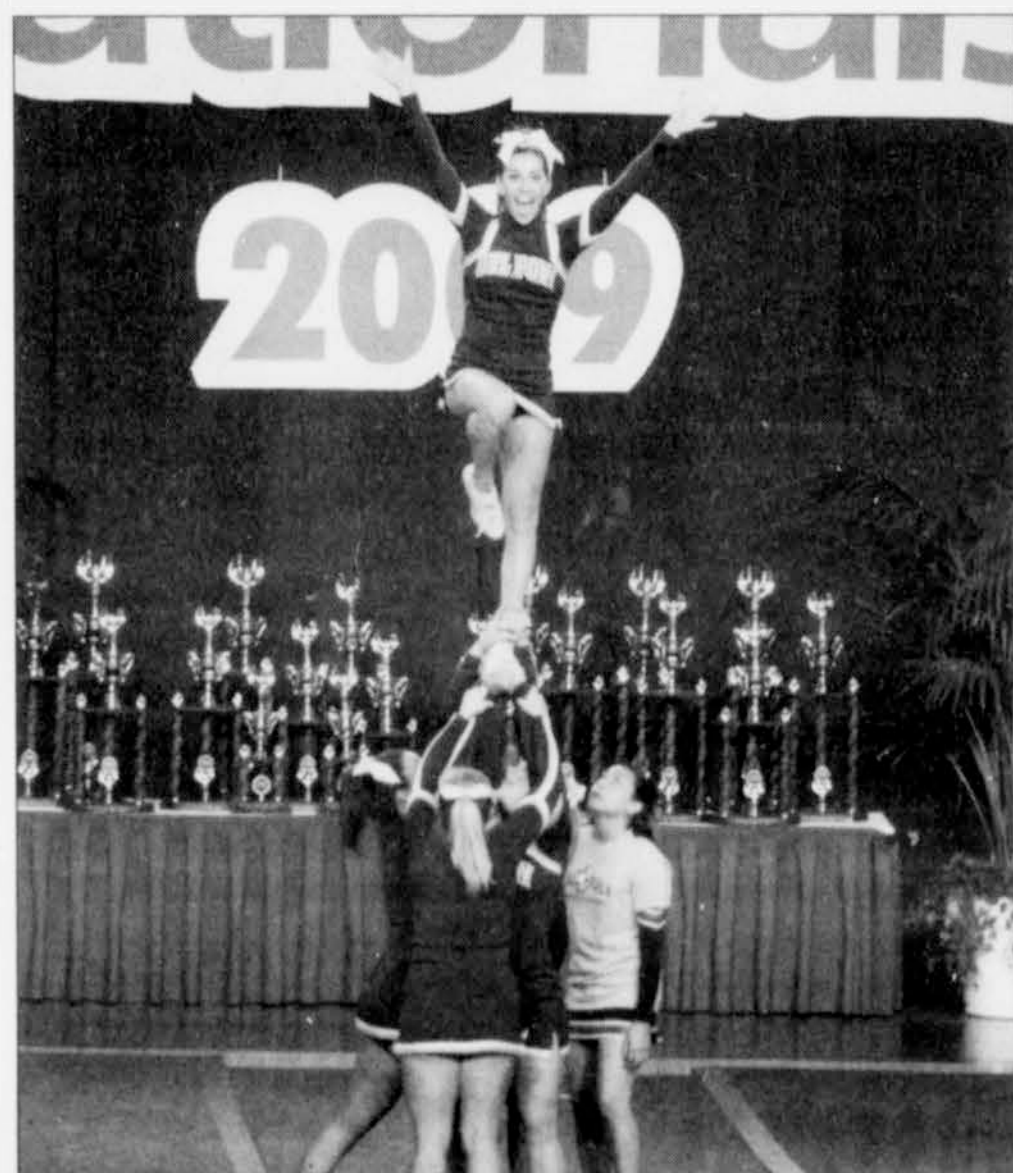
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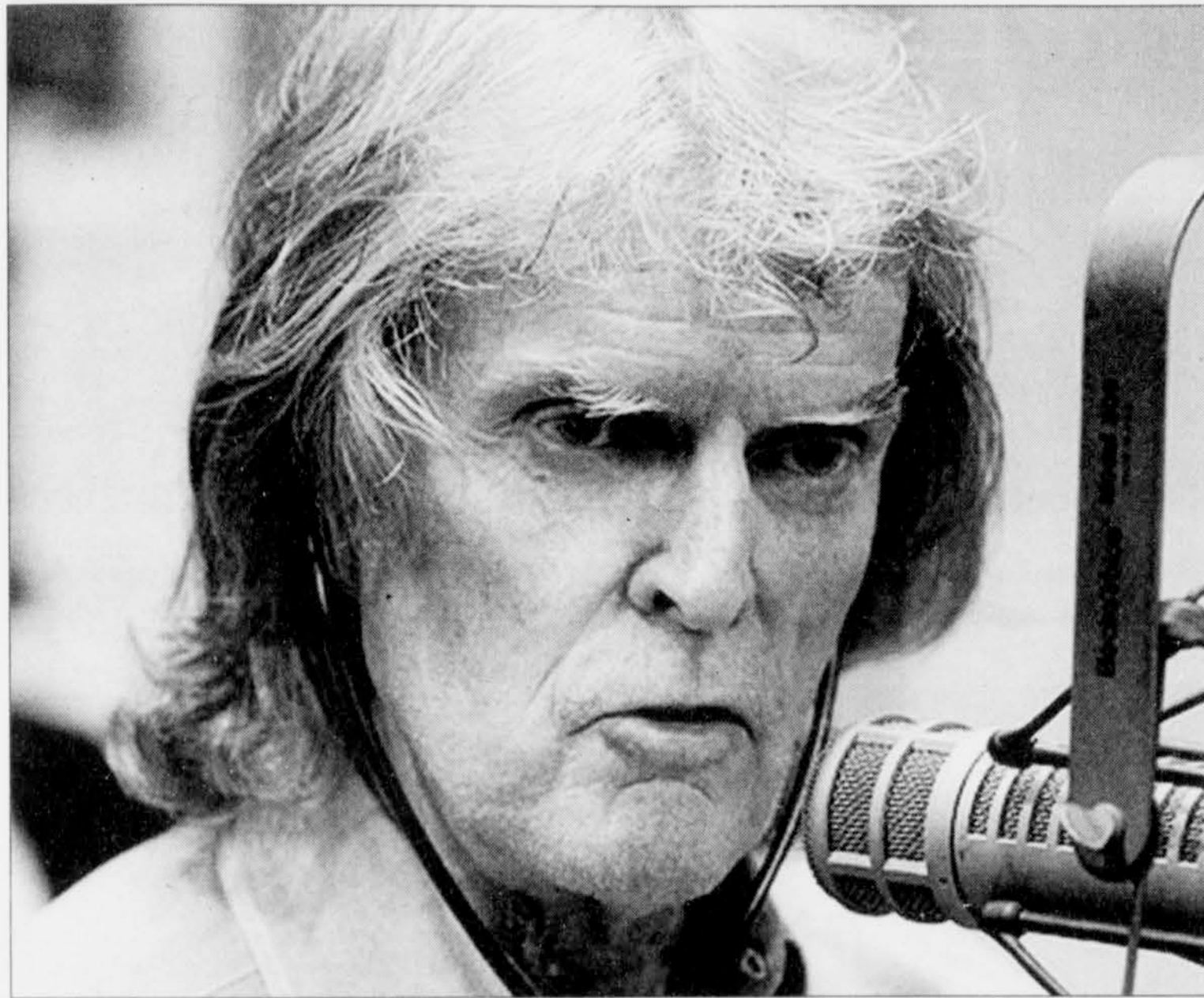
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# Auriemma shines necessary light on race in sports



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Shock-jock Don Imus created a national storm when he called female basketball players "nappy-headed hoes."

John Terry

THE DAILY ATHENAEUM (WEST VIRGINIA U.)

It wasn't until earlier this week when I finally gained some respect for Connecticut women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma.

And it wasn't because his team capped off a 39-0 season with another national championship.

In a press conference leading up to the Huskies Final Four game against Stanford, Auriemma talked about the perception of race in sports, something that very few coaches would have the guts to do in such a big spotlight.

"I know this is going to get played out the wrong way," Auriemma said in the press conference. "But I'm going to say it anyway. And I

know I'm going to get criticized for this."

Auriemma, who was previously named the 2009 AP and Big East Conference Coach of the Year, talked about how players are perceived differently in the media be-

upon as being soft," Auriemma said. "So Stanford's got a tremendous amount of really good players who, for whatever reason, because they don't look like Tina Charles or Maya Moore, the perception out there is going to be, well, they must be soft."

"Well, I think that's a bunch of bull."

For one of the most recognized coaches in women's college basketball history to come out just days before the biggest event of the year in front of national media and want to talk about one of the more controversial issues in American culture is astounding.

Last month, when I was at the women's Big East Basketball Tourna-

White kids are always looked upon as being soft... Well I think that's a bunch of bull.

—Geno Auriemma  
UConn head coach

cause of the color of their skin. "White kids are always looked

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## Auriemma

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ment in Hartford, CT, I wrote a column after Auriemma was announced the 2009 Big East Coach of the Year saying that I didn't think Auriemma deserved the honor as much as other coaches in the nation.

After his remarks Saturday, there is no one else that deserves the honor more.

He knew he was going to be criticized, but he said it anyway because he knew it was the right thing to do.

"I watched (Stanford) play, and nobody goes harder to the boards. Nobody takes more charges. Nobody runs the floor as hard," Auriemma said. "Those kids are as tough as any of the kids in the country. But people in the sports

world like to make judgments on people by how they look. And it's grossly unfair."

Whether people admit it or not, race is one of the biggest issues in American sports.

It's an underlying issue in the sports world, although few are willing to talk about it because they're afraid of being criticized or afraid of how they'd be perceived.

But this is an issue that needs to be talked about due to previous incidents involving perceptions of race in sports.

Just two years ago, radio host Don Imus called the Rutgers women's basketball team, which had eight African American members, "some nappy-headed hos," comparing them to the Toronto Raptors and Memphis Grizzlies of the NBA.

"Some rough girls from Rutgers," Imus said. "Man, they got tattoos."

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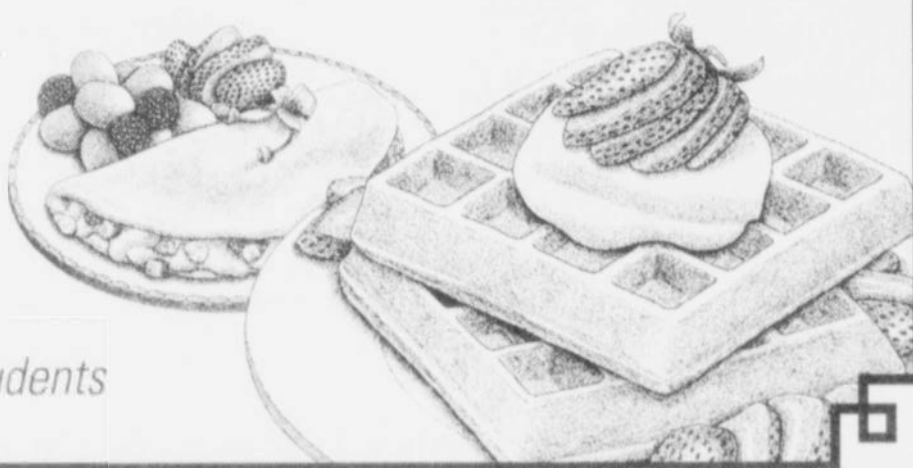
Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma lead his team to a perfect 39-0 record and a national championship.

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Vivian Stringer fired back at Imus with statements similar to Auriemma's.

Although Imus' remarks were talked about in the media for a month following the incident, it seemed as if the conversation of race in sport has screeched to a halt.

Sure, people talk about race in sport, but rarely do you see influential coaches bring race to the forefront of conversation.

Auriemma did just that.

In the past few days, clips of

Auriemma's press conference have been on SportsCenter, articles have been in the New York Times and audio clips have been played over National Public Radio.

Instead of the different perceptions of race in sport being an issue that people are scared to talk about, Auriemma has helped make it easier.

He has broken the thick ice and has gone fishing for more conversation.

Hopefully people will take the bait.



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Geno Auriemma, shown above in Connecticut's Final Four win over Stanford, criticized the media for their overview of the Cardinal.

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Now is a time of historic, pivotal change for Cal Poly men's basketball. When new Mustangs head coach Joe Callero was introduced at a news conference April 3, he spoke of wanting to take the program's strength of schedule up a notch — even voicing a desire to swing up at Pac-10 teams.

Who knew, though, that Cal Poly has actually beaten Pac-10 teams, on a few occasions? What better way to brush-up on your Cal Poly men's basketball history than by taking a quiz?

Be sure to score yourself at the end. (Note: A hint to questions 2 and 20 has already been provided.)

1) Which of these teams has Cal Poly never played?

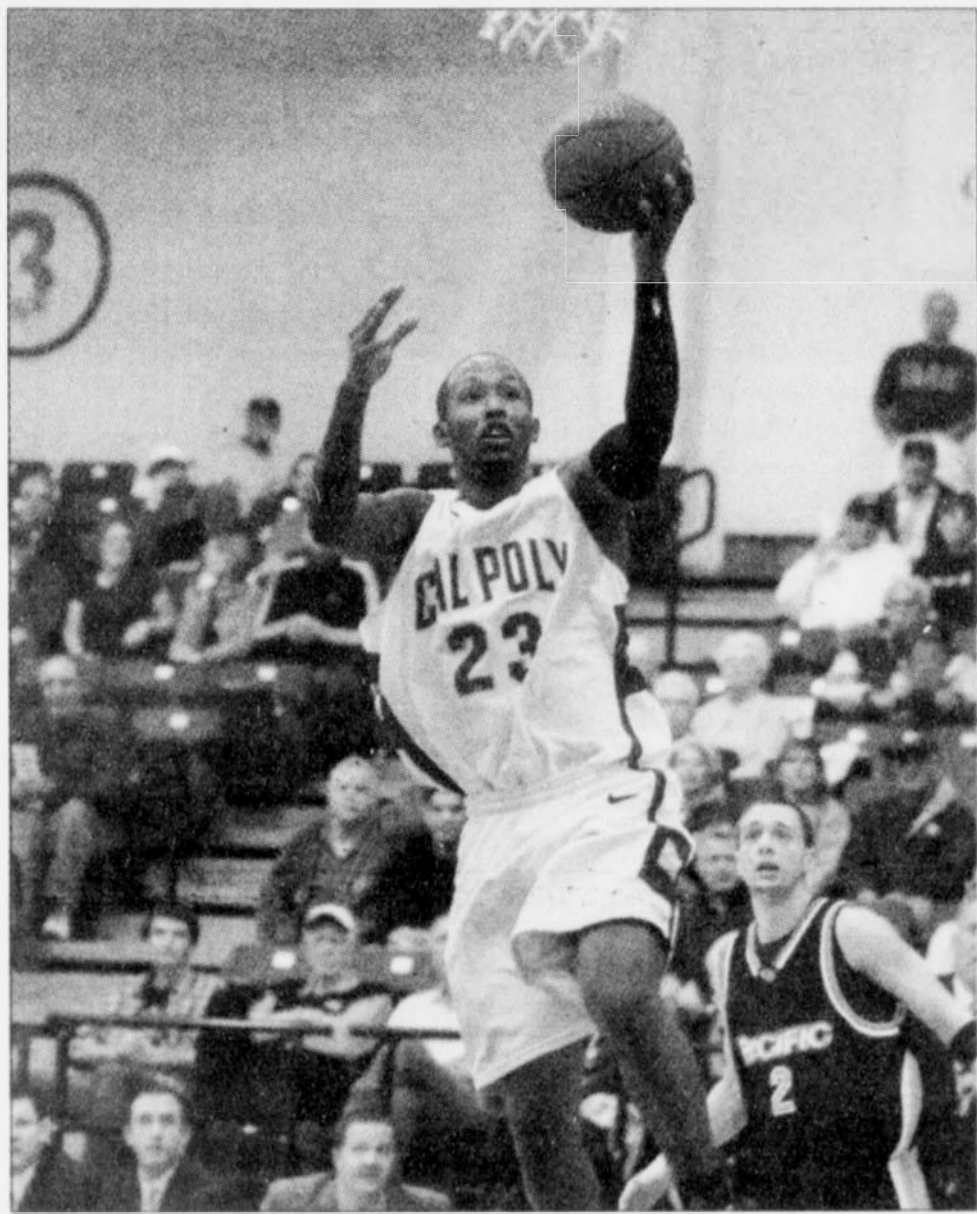
- A. Arizona
- B. North Carolina
- C. North Carolina State
- D. UCLA

2) Which of these teams did Cal Poly NOT defeat?

- A. Arizona State, 64-37, 12/2/49
- B. UNLV, 67-65, 12/30/60
- C. Stanford, 79-61, 11/27/76
- D. None of the above

3) Which two Cal Poly players, No. 32 and No. 40, have their jersey numbers retired?

- A. Hank Moroski (1946-50) and Mike LaRoche (1965-69)
- B. Mike Wozniak (1996-00) and Chris Bjorklund (1997-01)
- C. LaRoche and Derek Stockalper (2004-07)



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Did Cal Poly sophomore guard Shawn Lewis, seen above, play against nationally ranked Artesia in a state championship game?

- D. Moroski and Varnie Dennis (2000-04)

4) Which Cal Poly product was drafted by the ABA's Los Angeles Stars in 1968?

- A. Mike LaRoche
- B. Billy Jackson
- C. Bob Horwath
- D. Pinky Williams

5) Which Cal Poly product was drafted by the NBA's Phoenix Suns in 1978?

- A. Larry Nance
- B. Paul Westphal
- C. Lewis Cohen
- D. Walter Davis

6) In 1981, the Mustangs advanced to the Division II

Final Four in Springfield, Mass.

- A. true
- B. false

7) Cal Poly's program record for wins is \_\_\_\_.

- A. 19 (2006-07)
- B. 24 (1980-81)
- C. 27 (1994-95)
- D. 31 (1988-89)

8) Which Cal Poly Hall of Famer was one of two Division II players chosen to play in the 1982 National Association of Basketball Coaches All-Star Game, received a tryout from the Los Angeles Lakers and played semi-professionally in England for a year?

- A. Robert Jennings
- B. Kevin Earl Lucas
- C. Gerald Jones
- D. Jim Van Winden

9) Which Cal Poly Hall of Famer was a two-time Division II All-American and went on to play professionally for 14 years in the Philippines?

- A. Keith Wheeler
- B. Jim Schultz
- C. Sean Chambers
- D. Stuart Thomas

10) Which former Cal Poly starting forward and 1993 graduate is now the Sacramento Kings' advance NBA scout?

- A. Tim Butler
- B. Alex Basauri

- C. Bubba Burrage
- D. Kyle Ellis

11) Cal Poly entered Division I in \_\_\_\_.

- A. 1987
- B. 1990
- C. 1994
- D. 1997

12) Which NBA teams held training camps in Mott Gym in 1995 and 1997?

- A. Sacramento Kings and Los Angeles Lakers
- B. Golden State Warriors and Los Angeles Lakers
- C. Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Clippers
- D. Golden State Warriors and Sacramento Kings

13) In 1996, Shanta Cotright tied Cal Poly's single-game scoring record, against George Mason. How many points did he net?

- A. 63
- B. 43
- C. 81
- D. 50

14) In 1995-96, Cal Poly's \_\_\_\_\_ posted the third-highest single-season steals-per-game average for a freshman in Division I history, at 3.45 — .34 fewer than Cal's Jason Kidd in 1993.

- A. Mike Wozniak
- B. Ben Larson

see Quiz, page 42

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## Quiz

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- C. Shanta Cotright  
D. Damien Levesque

15) In 1998-99, Cal Poly led the entire country in 3-pointers made per game.

- A. true  
B. false

16) Who is Cal Poly's all-time leading scorer, with 2,006 points?

- A. Chris Bjorklund  
B. Mike LaRoche  
C. Mike Wozniak  
D. Varnie Dennis

17) Which of the following opponent performances DIDN'T happen in Mott Gym?

- A. Michael Olowokandi's 17 points, nine rebounds, 2/7/98  
B. Shawn Marion's 23 points, six rebounds, 1/2/99  
C. Melvin Ely's 30 points, 15 rebounds, 12/20/00  
D. Andrew Bogut's 23 points, 12 rebounds, 12/22/04

18) Which 2000 Arizona high school player of the year committed to Cal Poly after reportedly being recruited by Pittsburgh, Gonzaga and Notre Dame, but transferred to Richmond after earning Big West Conference Freshman of the Year honors?

- a. Jerryd Bayless  
b. Jamaal Scott  
c. Austin Ainge  
d. Varnie Dennis

19) The Mustangs have twice reached the Big

West title game, coming within a win of an NCAA Tournament berth. When were those games?

- a. 2001 and 2005  
b. 2003 and 2007  
c. 2006 and 2009  
d. 1998 and 2000

20) Which of these teams did Cal Poly NOT defeat?

- A. Oregon State, 72-68, 12/15/01  
B. Cal, 63-62, 11/12/03  
C. USC, 93-78, 12/22/03  
D. UMass, 90-64, 11/9/07

21) On Jan. 26, 2004, UC Santa Barbara's Brandiinn Fullove was reprimanded by Big West commissioner Dennis Farrell. What for?

- A. Tackling defenseless Cal Poly forward John Manley on a fast-break (an act Farrell determined

he should've been ejected for) Jan. 17, 2004.

- B. Stealing bikes on campus.  
C. Supporting the Daily Nexus, UCSB's student newspaper, which once ran a graphic proclaiming "F--- CAL POLY" before a game.  
D. Randomly throwing tortillas at people to take out his anger at the Gauchos' lack of a football program.

22) Former Cal Poly forward Derek Stockalper was named the 2007-08 Swiss Domestic Player of the Year.

- A. true  
B. false

23) Which other recent Cal Poly products are playing professionally in Europe?

- A. Tyler McGinn  
B. Dreshawn Vance  
C. Varnie Dennis  
D. all of the above

24) Cal Poly assistant coach Wil Hooker is \_\_\_\_\_'s second-leading all-time scorer.

- A. Fresno State  
B. UNLV  
C. Long Beach State  
D. Duke

25) Which current Mustang had 18 points in the 2007 California high school Division III championship game against nationally ranked Artesia, led by James Harden, Renardo Sidney and Malik Story?

- A. David Hanson

- B. Lorenzo Keeler  
C. Shawn Lewis  
D. Wes Dipprey

Donovan Aird is a journalism senior and former Mustang Daily sports editor.

## Key:

24. a 25. c  
20. d 21. a 22. a 23. d  
a 16. a 17. c 18. b 19. b  
c 12. d 13. b 14. b 15.  
a 7. b 8. b 9. c 10. c 11.  
1. b 2. d 3. a 4. a 5. c 6.

## How did you do?

0-4 What school do you go to, again?  
5-9 The sporting events are free with a student ID card, you know.  
10-14 Not too bad ... for an underclassman.  
15-19 Surely you are a Mustang Maniac.  
20-25 You could work for the Cal Poly sports information department.

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## Doubters walk an unfounded line

Scott Silvey

ON NEW COACHING HIRES

In a school known for its architectural prowess, Alison Cone has built something of her own.

Cone has been unquestionably successful since taking over the job of Cal Poly athletic director on an interim basis in 2004 and then permanently a year later.

Cal Poly athletics have flourished under Cone, achieving things most thought highly improbable just a few years ago.

The baseball team is currently ranked 14th in the nation, its highest rating ever at the Division I level. The Mustangs are poised to make their first Division I postseason berth in school history.

Cal Poly softball achieved its first top 25 ranking this season and is currently tied for the Big West Conference lead.

The women's basketball team won a school-record 21 games last season and narrowly missed being the first basketball program, men's or women's, to make the NCAA Tournament at Cal Poly.

Both soccer programs have been extremely successful under Cone's watch. The men's team won Cal Poly's first-ever Division I NCAA Tournament game when they beat UCLA last year.

Cal Poly football was a chip shot field goal and an extra point away from an undefeated regular season including what would have been one of the biggest upsets in college football history in bowl-bound Wisconsin.

All of this has happened in just the

last year under Cone. The programs have been successful on the field, and Cone has been successful in building the community support off it.

The renovation of Alex G. Spanos Stadium has been key in allowing Cal Poly to recruit athletes who see the commitment the community has to athletics.

Why am I extolling the virtues of Alison Cone you may ask?

She has recently come under some criticism for her hiring of new football head coach Tim Walsh and new men's basketball coach Joe Callero and I don't think it's completely fair.

Ironically, despite all the success that most of the programs have had since Cone took over, most athletic directors are measured by the success of their football and men's basketball teams.

While Walsh's hiring was a necessity based on former coach Rich Ellerson's exodus to Army, the firing of Kevin Bromley and subsequent hire of Callero was a decision made by Cone.

Let's face it, Cal Poly does not have the money to go around firing coaches. This isn't Kentucky where some booster can come in and pay \$2 million to get rid of Billy Gillespie after a bad season. The payout on the final year of Bromley's contract is estimated to be somewhere around \$177,000.

That is a hefty chunk of change in the scheme of things for Cal Poly athletics.

So if Cal Poly was willing to pay that to get Bromley out, the traditional thought is, they had better have the right guy in place now.

When Callero's name surfaced as a top candidate for the job, people began to wonder who he was. He didn't have the name value of some of the other candidates. Although Seattle University defeated the Mustangs last season, the school was virtually unknown to most college basketball fans.

The Redhawks are probably best remembered for the stellar play of Elgin Baylor — some 51 years ago.

Cal Poly has another current coach who was virtually unknown before he came here.

Men's soccer coach Paul Holocher came to Cal Poly from tiny Division



ANDREW SANTOS-JOHNSON MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

The Cal Poly men's soccer team drew the third-highest attendance in all of collegiate soccer last year under Alison Cone-hire Paul Holocher.

III UC Santa Cruz.

That hire turned out well for Cal Poly, and Cone was the woman behind it.

Not only did Holocher guide the Mustangs to a postseason win last

year, but Cal Poly also had the third highest attendance in the nation.

Getting the community to rally around the sports programs is an integral part of Cone's approach.

She has shown that she will hire

not just good coaches, but also community activists.

Callero himself said that he wants to take his players out into the area to do community service.

Getting the community involved assures more money for the programs. More money means better facilities, better facilities means better recruits and so on.

Cone's legacy at Cal Poly is on the line here in these next few years as we see how the new hires pan out.

I'm not going to prognosticate that Callero will lead Cal Poly to the Big West championship next year, or that Walsh will lead the football team to another No. 3 ranking, but I think we owe Cone the benefit of the doubt on her hiring procedures.

Let's at least play out a season or two before we decide whether these coaches can get the job done.

Scott Silvey is a journalism senior and the Mustang Daily sports editor.

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Cal Poly athletic director Alison Cone, shown above, has helped Mustang athletics grow exponentially since taking over in 2004.

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## Tahoe snowboarder recalls backcountry rescue

Jeff Munson  
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STATELINE, Nev. — When the clouds parted after dumping more than 4 feet of snow in the mountains around Lake Tahoe, Nick Gorman thought it would be a great time to learn fresh powder snowboarding on his favorite run at Heavenly Mountain Resort.

Did he ever have another thing coming.

Having skied nearly his entire life to an expert level, the 27-year-old Stateline man picked up snowboarding only a few months ago.

He spent most of the day Heavenly's slopes, carving groomed areas. Thinking he had gotten the hang of it, he told himself he was ready for the backcountry Firebreak run, known for its expert terrain through the trees.

"I thought I was ready because I had skied it so many times before," said Gorman, a professional poker player.

But nothing compared to the challenge of getting caught alone in snow up to his neck, unable to move, with wet clothes and a creeping feeling that he might not make it out alive.

Four hours later, he did, rescued by a Navy helicopter from Fallon.

Later, Gorman said he made obvious mistakes, but was grateful to the 40-plus people who spent hours trying to reach him in an area where there was a considerable avalanche threat.

"I would have died if I hadn't had my cell phone," Gorman said. "Everyone who skis in the backcountry needs to have one that is fully charged and can get service."

Snowboarding in powder is much different from groomed snow. It requires different balance. Unlike skiing, there are no poles, and there is nothing to grab onto once you've fallen.

When Gorman reached the top of Firebreak, he already was tired from a full day of riding, he said. That was his first mistake, he admits.

"I should have been paying attention, but there was something telling me that I need to do this. I was feeling arrogant," he said.

Five minutes into the run, he fell. He got up, went some distance, and then fell again. Each time he fell it took several minutes to get up.

"It's like getting caught up in a quicksand sink and you can't move around, and all you've got is your arms to pull you back up. Every time I fell, the more tired I got," he said.

Tired and unable to sustain any amount of ride, he looked around and saw nothing but trees and snow. His breathing became heavy. Panic overcame him.

"I'm looking at two miles from the bottom, and every time I move I'm getting deeper and deeper into trouble," he said.

Snow flowed like sand down his parka, into his gloves and through his pants. One foot of powder is something he could handle easily, he said. But four feet of it and going nowhere, Gorman knew he was in trouble.

Beginning to hyperventilate and his clothes soaking wet, he

took off his gloves and went for his cell phone. His hands numb, he had trouble dialing 911. He began sucking on his fingers to get some feeling back and was able to make the call.

He told the dispatcher where he was and his condition. The dispatcher told him to put his hands against his chest to keep warm, he said.

Meanwhile Douglas County search and rescue personnel, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District firefighters and the ski patrol at Heavenly were notified. But there was one problem. The Firebreak area was considered an avalanche threat, and rescuers would be risking their lives by going in.

The decision was made to call the Naval Air Station Fallon rescue squadron, which deployed a helicopter, county authorities said.

Waiting for help to arrive was the hardest part. Gorman was assured he was going to be rescued, but he wasn't sure he would keep all his fingers and toes.

Numbness overtook him and he was told to keep his head lowered and to move around to keep up his circulation. He closed his eyes and began thinking "good thoughts." He called a friend several times in between calls to emergency dispatchers.

A helicopter arrived, spotting him on the ground, and remained suspended above him while a sled team was sent to the scene. It was 4:30 p.m. Because of the remote location and avalanche threat, they were unable to reach him.

The Naval helicopter was, perhaps, a last-ditch effort to save his fingers and toes if not his life.

At around 6 p.m. and in darkness, the helicopter sent down a man attached to a rope. The man grabbed onto Gorman and told him to hug his body while the crew inside the helicopter pulled him to safety.

Crew members gave the shivering man blankets. All he could say at the time was "thank you for saving me."

The pilot flew him 40 minutes to Carson Tahoe Hospital in Carson City, where his body temperature was down to 93.1. He declined medical attention, he said, because he didn't have insurance.

Gorman spent the night warming up at a motel and returned to Tahoe the next day, only to find that his car, had been ticketed and towed.

"I think of it as really weird karma," he said.

But he remains grateful to the search and rescue workers, especially the helicopter crew.

"They saved my life," he said.

He's also apologetic for his actions, which he said were "dumb, impulsive and arrogant" and completely void of "any self-awareness."

Gorman said he will continue to snowboard on regular runs, and won't go into backcountry on his board until he's confident he's able to handle powder.

"I'm thinking, with a snow like that, with all of that powder and what is required with a snowboard, I will need a few years of practice before I ever think of going back there again with a board," he said.

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# New York's new ballparks serve up serious eats



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The new Yankee Stadium, shown above, has its field painted prior to opening day. Ticket prices have soared with some seats going for as much as \$2,625.



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Citi Field opened earlier this week when the San Diego Padres met the New York Mets. A hotdog at the ballpark will now cost nearly six dollars.

## Howie Rumberg

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Hundreds of fans were lined up for a taste of the fancy eats in the food court behind the behemoth of a center-field scoreboard at the Mets' sparkling new ballpark when Carlos Beltran laced an RBI single.

But when the cheers rang out, hardly a person ran for a look at

the action.

Priorities change a bit when you've been waiting 30 minutes for a burger or taco from James Beard award-winning restaurateur Danny Meyer's snack stands.

A day later at the Yankees' \$1.5 billion palace in the Bronx, several dozen people snapped photos of a butcher in a white coat carving up a hunk of beef in front of a picture-window on the third-base

concourse as Mark Teixeira hit his second home run of the day. All the gawkers had to do was turn around to catch a glimpse of the Yankees' new star rounding the bases, but the meat-carving spectacle in front of them was too mesmerizing for them to bother.

"This is ridiculous," Steve Charles of Great Neck said. "This is a baseball stadium."

For sports purists, it might be

disconcerting to hear a bartender shout, "Who ordered the margarita?" or see someone strolling a concourse with a plastic cup of wine, but that's the new reality for New York baseball fans.

There's a baseball renaissance in New York that has little to do with what's happening on the field. Both the Mets and Yankees have unveiled amenity-laden stadiums conceived in the era of credit default swaps and easy money. One of the main benefits for fans is both arenas have dining options reflective of their diverse hometown.

If you have a high-priced ticket, you'll have access to menus worthy of an upscale Manhattan restaurant. But even those in the bleachers can buy trendy, tasty fare for under \$10 at some of the new concessions.

The Mets' and Yankees' approach to the task of feeding the 3 million-plus fans who will pass through their gates this year is about as different as their ballparks are.

Take the No. 7 subway train to the Mets' \$800 million Citi Field, adjacent to the 1964 World's Fair grounds in Queens, and you'll encounter a nostalgia trip in brick and ironwork that pays homage to those long-gone New York icons, Ebbets Field, where the Brooklyn Dodgers played, and the Polo Grounds, where the Giants, Mets and Yankees played at various times.

Enter through Citi Field's grand Jackie Robinson rotunda, and if you're sitting in a high-level suite or in seats that cost up to \$695 a game, you can take a short escalator ride to the Delta Sky 360 Club, one of six exclusive spots in the park. These include the Acela Club, a multitiered restaurant beyond the left-field wall that offers incredible views of the field and a reasonable \$48 prix fixe menu conceived by a chef from Myriad Group, the company owned by Drew Nieporent of Nobu and Tribeca Grill.

At the new Yankee Stadium, regular ticket holders can watch while those paying upward of \$2,625 for ONE seat — food, but not alcohol, included — sup on white-clothed tables in the

glass-walled Legends Suite Club behind home plate.

For the hoi polloi, there are other options. At Citi Field, bars and concession stands serve stadium favorites: Nathan's hot dogs (\$5.75), Brooklyn Burgers (\$5.75 compared to \$8.75 in the Caesars Club), six types of chicken sandwiches (\$6.50-\$7.50) and "Cracker Jacks" (memo to Mets: it's Cracker Jack). There are 17 types of beer, the cheapest a 12-ounce American draft at \$6.25. Calories are posted at both ballparks, too (hot dogs: 260).

The real treat at Citi Field, though, is behind the scoreboard in center field at Taste of New York, a concrete picnic area with views of the Whitestone Bridge. Here one can find favorites from Meyer's Shake Shack and Blue Smoke; seafood from David Pasternack, chef at the popular Manhattan restaurant Esca, and pizza from Cascarino's, a Queens chain known for brick-oven pizza.

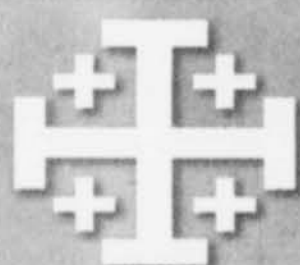
The lines are long and there's little, if any, view of the field, but if you don't mind missing an inning or two, it's worth the wait.

The made-to-order Shackburger (\$5.75 single, \$8.75 double), is one of the most popular burgers in New York, and the single is only \$1 more at Citi Field than at the original Shake Shacks on Manhattan's Upper West Side and in Madison Square Park. Crispy fries (\$4.75) don't wilt under heat lamps, and a thick and rich shake goes for \$6.50.

Also at Citi Field: You can have a delicate pulled pork sandwich on a brioche bun (\$9) or Kansas City Ribs (\$10) at Blue Smoke, or order tacos at El Verano Taqueria. Two pork carnitas with a tangy salsa in a fresh soft tortilla were a bargain at \$7.25.

Compare the Shake Shack fries to the Belgian-style ones at Box Frites (\$6.50-\$7.50) while leaning on the railing of the arched "bridge" leading to the right-field concourse and watch the action from about 500 feet away from home plate. Then stop at Pasternack's Catch of the Day, for a delicately fried Long Island Flounder


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# Sickly racehorses recover after rescue

Mary Esch

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COXSACKIE, N.Y.—On March 3, 2004, a 3-year-old chestnut filly named Theonlyword won the first race at Aqueduct and her steel-gray stablemate Coconut Martini won the second.

Today, the two horses bred by Ernie Paragallo are barely recognizable as the gleaming, galloping thoroughbreds shown in photos carrying jockey Richard Migliore in the red and black colors of Paraneck Stable.

Rescued from a kill pen where they awaited transport to a Canadian slaughterhouse, the two mares are at a Pennsylvania farm—crawling with lice, infested with worms, ribs showing through patches of scabby skin between clumps of sparse, dull hair.

The farm has two other skinny, parasite-loaded Paragallo horses rescued from the same kill pen. There's a 5-year-old unregistered filly with a festering leg wound and a torn vulva, and a dark bay mare named Finely Decorated who suffers from strangles, a highly contagious throat infection. She may be carrying a foal.

"They're doing pretty well, considering," said Christy Sheidy, co-founder of Another Chance 4 Horses in Bernville, Pa. "We've had them for two weeks, and you can already see them gaining weight. It's been a

real struggle with their skin; they had such horrible sores we couldn't even groom them at first. We couldn't even comfort them with a stroke. They'd flinch if you touched them."

On Friday, two days after authorities seized 177 malnourished horses at his Center Brook Farm in the rolling hills 20 miles south of Albany, Paragallo was charged with 22 counts of animal cruelty and led out of Coxsackie Town Court in handcuffs.

New York State Racing and Wagering Board chairman John Sabini released a statement after Paragallo's arrest, saying the board had "immediately terminated his privilege to be involved with thoroughbred racing in New York."

Paragallo, the owner of 1996 Derby favorite and fifth-place finisher Unbridled's Song, was arrested after driving from his Long Island home to be questioned by investigators about the conditions on his breeding farm. He said he hadn't visited the farm for at least nine months.

"It wasn't knowing neglect," Paragallo told The Associated Press. "Did I try and harm any of those horses? Absolutely not. Did some of them come up skinny? Absolutely. Was it mismanagement? Absolutely. I'm not shying away from it. But I didn't abuse them."

The 177 horses remain on the farm under the supervision of the Colum-

bia Greene Humane Society, which has brought in hay, grain and mineral blocks, straw bedding for the brood mares, and veterinarians to tend to wounds. Paragallo agreed to transfer ownership of 67 of the horses to the humane society for future adoption.

Two other horses were removed from the farm a week ago by Colleen Segarra of Equine Rescue Resource in Pine Bush, 65 miles northwest of New York City.

"I don't know how such a high-ranking stable in three years could just plummet like this," said Jennifer Pedersen, who worked as Paragallo's trainer and oversaw the breeding operation until he fired her in March 2006.

"It's very hard on my heart. I'm absolutely devastated," Pedersen said. "It's just horrifying to know this was going on."

The horses rescued from the kill pen last month and from Paragallo's farm this week weren't the first neglected horses taken from the farm, Pedersen said. In 2007, the farm manager released three underweight, parasite-infested horses to Susan Wagner of Equine Advocates in Chatham. They have since recovered.

The horses on Sheidy's farm were among about two dozen horses picked up at Center Brook Farm by a transporter who was supposed to take them to a farm in Florida. The trans-



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Horses race at Aqueduct last week. The horses who won the first two races at Aqueduct were found severely malnourished.

porter told Sheidy the horses were in such bad shape he didn't want to take them.

"The farm help said two had already died and if he didn't take the others, they'd just bury them when they died," Sheidy said. "So he took them to the kill pen because he felt it was the only humane thing to do."

Most of the horses were sent to a Canadian slaughterhouse that supplies horse meat to Europe, where in some countries it's considered a delicacy.

At Center Brook Farm on Thursday, Lisa Barkman, a former employee of the farm, unloaded sacks of grain from her pickup truck outside a long,

brown barn surrounded by muddy paddocks.

"We have no idea why the owner neglected to provide enough feed," she said. "It's a case of an overstock of horses and not enough feed being supplied."

"Every horse we saw here was thin," said Ron Perez, president of the Columbia Greene Humane Society. "They're in desperate need of some groceries. The staff here have done the best job they could with what they had, but this is not the way these animals should be living. We're overseeing all the feeding now, and hopefully we'll start having improvement."

## Stadium

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sandwich (\$8.25) or a lobster roll (\$17).

When asked why he chose to run the Acela Club restaurant at Citi Field rather than work with the Yankees, Nieporent said the Yankees "went for the money. They wanted everyone to pay them."

A quick trip on the B, D or No. 4 trains to 161st Street and River Avenue in the Bronx, and you're confronted with an overblown monument to all things in pin-stripes.

When you walk into the imposing limestone, marble and 31,000-square-foot granite Great Hall, more reminiscent of a federal building than a stadium, you hear recordings from famous Yankees moments, such as Lou Gehrig's "I

am the luckiest man on the face of the Earth" speech. As if one needed one more reminder that the team's new home is supposed to evoke the original stadium built in 1923, there's an old-fashioned pushcart selling fruit.

Unlike the dark cinderblock halls of Citi Field, the Yankee Stadium concourses are light and roomy—and windy, too. While the Mets went for the top chefs, the Yankees went for recognizable names.

There's a Hard Rock Cafe with year-round street access, and concessions by Brother Jimmy's BBQ, Boar's Head, Nathan's, Tommy Bahama's, Johnny Rockets and a Mohegan Sun sports bar among oth-

ers. Walking the concourses feels less like New York than a middle-America mall.

Seventy percent of the concession stands have equipment for cooking rather than just reheating under lamps, up from 14 percent in the old park, and that makes all the difference.

A Johnny Rockets double burger (\$12) is no match for Shake Shack but satisfying nonetheless.

Embrace variety and follow the field level concourse starting in right field at Carl's Philly Cheesesteaks, where you can have a Philadelphia (where are we?) specialty for \$10.75 or a burrito from La Esquina Latina for \$9. Head to-

ward left field for a spicy tuna roll (\$9.75) or Brother Jimmy's for a pulled pork or beef brisket sandwich (\$10 each).

While Mets have Shea Stadium favorite "Mommies of Corona," the Yankees overload a food court with Arthur Avenue Deli and Mike's Deli (outlets of beloved fixtures from the Bronx's Italian Arthur Avenue market) and Boar's Head. A turkey and provolone (\$12) is \$2.50 more than Momma's turkey and fresh Mozzarella. Big Mike's Combo or Da True Bronx Tale are \$10 each.

The many choices at Yankee Stadium provide an excuse to comparison shop.

A souvenir cup of Budweiser on the 200 level concourse is \$10.50. A similar sized Coors Light on the field level is \$10. A Hebrew National hot dog was \$5.50, but a Nathan's beef frank on the main concourse was \$5 or \$6 near section 226.

Oh, that butcher wasn't carving just for show. You can sink your teeth into a \$15 steak sandwich made with beef from Lobel's of New York, which also supplies the steaks for the NYY Steak restaurant, which is located above the Hard Rock Cafe in the right-field corner. It offers no view of the field but you don't need a ticket to the game to eat there.

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